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NWS

If you'd like a brochure listing all the NWS stations and frequencies, just send me a SASE and I'll send it!

MAY 1987

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DEADLINE: the first!

1st

A LOOK AT WHAT'S NEWS FOLLOWS THE WEATHER: Here I sit typing this up on April 1st. The weather sure has been foolish. March 30th was the warmest day of the year so far, with a near-record 73°. The next morning I woke up to $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch of snow and 30°. Today it's sunny and 50°. What next?

.....AND NOW, THE NEWS. The News

John F. Combs, 1308 Willow Branch #24, Jacksonville, FL 32205

(ET)

Here is a list of the NWS stations I have logged from Jacksonville:

(mileages approximate)

162.400	KIH-26	Daytona Beach, FL	Tr	80
	WXM-58	Clewiston, FL	Tr	270
	KEC-85	Savannah, GA	Tr	120
162.475	WXJ-60	Gainesville, FL	Tr	60
	KEC-50	West Palm Beach, FL	Tr	270
	WXX-75	Waycross, GA	Tr	80
	KIG-77	Cape Hatteras, NC	Tr	500
	WXJ-23	Beaufort, SC	Tr	175
	WXX-28	Beaumont, TX	Es	735
162.550	KHB-39	Jacksonville, FL	GW	10
	KHB-29	Charleston, SC	Tr	200

All of these were received on a Regency Z30 scanner with a whip antenna. The most enjoyable logging was WXX-28 by Es during an intense opening that reached hi-band TV. (I'll bet it was! It's not every day-not every year-that Es gets up that high! Was this June 11, 1986 by any chance, John?-mcs)

Now I would like to present a mystery involving some NWS stations. I would like to know if anyone has an explanation for the following (get out your magnifying glasses everyone! -mcs) **9 PM (2) (17) (22) MYSTERY (CC): 60 min.** Super

One afternoon, during an E-skip opening that was lolling around channel 2 (2), I WAS listening to lo-band skip on my scanner. I was on 35.22 MHz, listening to some pagers, when I could hear, fading up and down, the unmistakable sound of an NWS station! I listened carefully for a few minutes and heard it ID as KHB-59 in Cleveland, giving a weather forecast for that area! I called Larry Van Horn and asked him to check his scanner, and the signal was audible to him on scanners of other makes, so we're not dealing with a Regency quirk here. A few minutes later, the audio of KIH-35 in Pittsburgh faded up enough to ID!!

When and how could two different NWS stations, both broadcasting on 162.55 MHz, be audible on 35.22 MHz during a skip opening? I do not believe this to be an image, since 162.55 MHz is occupied by my local KHB-39 which was blaring away on that frequency during this entire incident! If it were some sort of weird image, certainly it would be my local that would show up as the image! Maybe some community in Ohio uses a surplus 35.22 MHz transmitter as some sort of illegal "translator" of an NWS channel? Somewhere between Cleveland and Pittsburgh? Or was this a bizarre hoax perpetrated by some pirate?

I will entertain any theories from fellow DXers on this!!
(My guess is that there is a 35.22 MHz that is running those NWS's-but both of them?? How could they do that? Or is this happening all across America? Any ideas, readers? Your guess is as good as mine-let's see some of them here in NWS NEWS!!!-mcs)

Now, as I promised last month..here's the long and short of it!

As any broadcast station is, some can be heard farther away than others. Of course, that depends on many conditions such as power output, antenna location, and surrounding terrain. Well, the NWS stations are no exception. Ever since the invention of the weatheradio, I've noticed that there are wide ranges in how far some of these signals travel. Let's look further into some of them. (You might want to get out your maps and road atlases now so you can find the exact places I'm speaking of)

For example, my local station WXX-47, has a fairly large coverage area, thanks to its 4400' MSL antenna site on nearby Holston Mountain. Now, turn to Tennessee in your atlas. At the point where Interstates 81 and 40 meet, you can hear 3 different NWS stations: WXX-47 at 60 miles; WXX-46 from Knoxville at 30 miles; and WXL-56 from

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Asheville, NC at 56 miles. All of these were heard on my portable Realistic 12-151A receiver. Look on Interstate 40 near Rockwood, TN. The Interstate 40, right above it (literally-its a long drop to the city below!!) is one of our state's finest reception areas-here, you can receive 4 stations-WXK-46 at 40 miles; WXK-48 in Chattanooga at 67 miles; and WXK-52 in Chatsworth, GA (75 miles) and WXK-61 in Cookeville (55 miles) fight it out-and occasionally I've heard WXL-56 at 110 miles-that makes five. (I've forgooten to mention the frequencies here-WXK-47 is .550, WXK-46 is .475, WXL-56 is .400, WXK-48 is .550, and WXK-52 and WXK-61, both .400. All are preceded by 162.) That's something you really have to hear! But, it's only in a 5-mile stretch-and no rest areas. (Don't get too engrossed in it, though-remember, this IS a plateau-and its 1000 feet to the bottom!!) That's abundance for you!

Lengthwise, some of the biggest I can recall are:

- WXL-60 in Roanoke, VA at 110 miles from mile 45 on I-81 near Marion, VA.
- WXL-30 in Tucson, AZ at 105 miles from just outside Phoenix, AZ on I-10.
- not to mention the previous 110-mile log of WXL-56 from Asheville, NC on I-40 near Rockwood, a 115-mile log on I-26 about 30 miles outside of Columbia, SC.

Those are my personal best under normal CW conditions.

Shortwise, there's:

- KIG-79 is pretty weak outside of 30 miles from Nashville, TN.
- WXJ-20 in Columbia, SC is weak outside of 25 miles from Columbia.

And most metro areas are about the same. (30-40 miles at best)

BUT THE ALL-TIME RECORDS GO TO:

Longest: 120 miles, WXL-47 Poplar Bluff, MO, from Jackson, TN.

Shortest: I remember WXM-56, which ironically is one of my favorite NWS stations-was barely audible at 12 miles. (Colorado Springs, CO)

Those are my best-how about yours? Send them in.

Since John Combs sent in his report, I'll choose Florida as this month's spotlight state (one of the northeastern US's favorite catches-just like Texas for me) When you send in your report, the spotlight state for that particular column will be your state that you live in (or another state, if you have a certain one you would like to see)

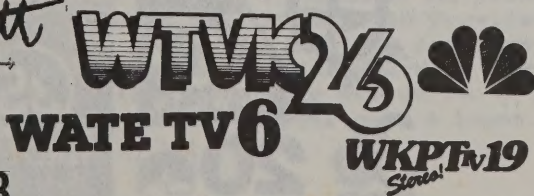
CITY	CALLS	FREQ.	POWER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	MSL	HAG
CLEWISTON	WXM-58	.400	300	26.40'	80.38'	361	350
DAYTONA BEACH	KIH-26	.400	1000	29.12'	81.00'	230	200
FORT MYERS	WXK-83	.475	1000	26.37'	81.48'	279	260
GAINESVILLE	WXJ-60	.475	1000	29.42'	82.23'	530	350
JACKSONVILLE	KHB-39	.550	1000	30.19'	81.32'	234	174
KEY WEST	WXJ-95	.400	1000	24.39'	81.32'	254	250
MELBOURNE	WXJ-70	.550	1000	28.04'	80.36'	212	192
MIAMI	KHB-34	.550	500	25.32'	80.28'	707	700
ORLANDO	KIH-63	.475	500	28.35'	81.25'	442	350
PANAMA CITY	KGG-67	.550	1000	30.08'	85.42'	207	200
PENSACOLA	KEC-86	.400	500	30.26'	87.14'	433	200
TALLAHASSEE	KIH-24	.400	1000	30.25'	84.16'	370	300
TAMPA	KHB-32	.550	1000	27.50'	82.15'	535	500
WEST PLM BEACH	KEC-50	.475	500	26.35'	80.12'	415	400

Florida has one NWS station that happens to be funded by a private interest group. That's WXM-58 in Clewiston. I wonder if WXJ-95 gives forecasts for Cuba??

OTHER NWS NOTES: The tape of NWS stations I'm planning on doing is a long way from being completed. In fact, I haven't even started it yet. It should be a 90-minute tape, but might be two 90-minute tapes. I plan for it to contain a variety of the many NWS stations I have recorded, mostly in the southern half of the U.S. Also, it will contain some interesting occurrences from my local NWS-including some severe weather happenings, and record extremes-like the coldest day ever reported here. Hopefully I can get it done in the next few months-watch this space for when I complete it. Also, to those of you who helped out the "Bumper Sticker Trading Post"; thanks for trying. If you're into collecting them, I urge you to check out "Decalomania", as listed in the March 1987 VUD; it's well worth it. Till next time: Keep one eye on the weather, and the other on your TV or stereo (it's E-skip time, you know!!) 73's, *Matt*

(Had to put something here-so I put this)→

NEXT TIME: Don't be ALARMED; it's just the ALARM, and hopefully something in "NWS NEWS" from you!



QSL CORNER & LOGO'S RUN

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I got lots of logos from Robert Schweitzer of Old Bridge, NJ that should last a few issues of Logo's Run. It seems like Robert has accumulated approx. 150 tv guides from 95 different editions. So without any more delay, here we go. You may see repeat logos from past columns some times. This maybe due to different logo used for same station. The list of logos will show call sign & channel. I do not repeat the -TV prefix everytime.

WILLtv/channel12
The Broadcasting Service of the University of Illinois

25 **WXNE-TV BOSTON**

WBRE-TV/20

7
KTBC-TV
AUSTIN

KD+YOU
KDKA-TV 2

20
VISION
KTXH-TV

10
WCAU-TV

11 New
Hampshire
Public
Television

6
WRGB

33
WKJC-TV FORT WAYNE

WCIA/3

KTAB TV 32
YOUR NEWS STATION

11
KHET

W TV

32
WFLD

6
KAUZ-TV

22

WTKR TV 3

DAZZLING WDZL
MIAMI/FT. LAUDERDALE **39**

39 KCST-TV IN
CABLE 7

20 **15**
WICS WICD

36N
WRET-Charlotte

61 **WCLQ**
CLEVELAND

WGN
TELEVISION
9

WIXT 9 SYRACUSE

WTAJ-TV 10

9
ALIVE
WNCT-TV
GREENVILLE

tv53
wpgt

19
WJLX-TV
Maitland

20
KSTU-TV

22
abc
WEZF-TV

2
KSTU-TV

2
WESH-TV

CHSJ
TELEVISION

wofl 35

11
KPLR-TV

25
KOKH-TV
Oklahoma City

21
KTXA-TV
THE GREAT SPORTS STATION!

WRAL-TV 5

WGAL-TV 8

WQED 13

7N
WITN-TV

20
KSTU-TV

60
WPWR-TV

35
WRLH-TV
Richmond

TV38
WSBK-TV

six
KOMA TV-Denver

36
WTVQ-TV
LEXINGTON

20
WBBH-TV FORT MYERS

KAYU-TV
28
Spokane

13 **WRCB**
CHATTANOOGA

9 **kgmbtv**

tv 23
wvah
charleston/huntington
Take a turn for the best

KVOA
TV

WNYC-TV-31
SEE THE DIFFERENCE

WBKO 13
BOWLING GREEN

tv 53
upgh

KHTV 39
gold

wdbo-tv

9

WTOT-TV 44

9
KGUN-TV

Here's 2
WDTN

KIRO-TV 07
WOLO-TV
Columbia 25

13
7

19 Eyewitness News
abc WRAU-TV
PEORIA

24
WCGV-TV

3 WMUL
TV-33

45
WBFF-TV
BALTIMORE

10
WTEN
& WCDC/19

OETA
KOET 3 12 KWTET
EUFULA CHEYENNE
KQED TULSA KETA
11 13 OKC

WTOV-TV 9

KENS-TV

KDKA-TV 2

KIKU TELEVISION
Keep your eyes on us.
We're entertaining!

WIS-TV 10
COLUMBIA

20
KSTU-TV

44
KBHK

20
KTXH-TV

15
WMTV MADISON

WKRQ-TV 5
MOBILE-PENACOLA

KVOA

25
WEEK-TV PEORIA

WDAU TV 22
ACKRAFT-JAT

13
CKTM-TV
Ce fait plaisir de s'voir

10
WJAR-TV

Here's the list of tv id logos for this month: WILL-12 Urbanan IL, WXNE-25 Boston MA (now WFXT-TV), WBRE-28 Wilkes-Barre PA, KTBC-7 Austin TX, KDKA-2 Pittsburgh PA, KTXH-20 Houston TX, WCAU-10 Philadelphia PA, WENH-11 Durham NH, WRGB-6 Schenectady NY, WCIA-3 Champaign IL, KTAB-32 Abilene TX, KHET-11 Honolulu HI, WBTB-3 Charlotte NC, WFLD-32 Chicago IL, KAUZ-6 Wichita Falls TX, WKEF-22 Dayton OH, WTKR-3 Norfolk VA, WDZL-39 Miami FL, KCST-39 San Diego CA, WICS-20 Springfield IL, WICD-15 Champaign IL, WRET-36 Charlotte NC (now WPCQ-TV), WCLQ-61 Cleveland OH (now WQHS), WGN-9 Chicago IL, WIXT-9 Syracuse NY, WXIX-19 Newport KY, WTAJ-10 Altoona PA, WNCT-9 Greenville NC, WPGH-53 Pittsburgh PA, KSTU-20 Salt Lake City UT, WEZF-22 Burlington VT (now WVNY-TV), WDTN-2 Canton OH, CHSJ-4 St. John NB, KPLR-11 St. Louis MO, KOKH-25 Oklahoma City OK, WOFL-35 Orlando FL, WRAL-5 Raleigh NC, KTXA-21 Ft. Worth TX, WGAL-8 Lancaster PA, WITN-7 Washington NC, WQED-13 Pittsburgh PA, KSTU-20 Salt Lake City UT, WPWR-60 Aurora IL, WRLH-35 Richmond VA, WSBK-38 Boston MA, KRMA-6 Denver CO, WRCB-3 Chattanooga TN, WTVQ-36 Lexington KY, WBBH-20 Ft. Myers FL, KAYU-28 Spokane WA, KGMB-9 Honolulu HI -->-->--page 2--<--<--< WVAH-23 Charleston WV, KVOA-4 Tucson AZ, WNYC-31 New York NY, WBKO-13 Bowling Green KY, WPGH-53 Pittsburgh PA, KHTV-39 Houston TX, WDBO-6 Orlando FL, WMUR-9 Manchester NH, WTOG-44 St. Petersburg FL, KGUN-9 Tucson AZ, WDTN-2 Canton OH, WLOL-25 Columbia SC, WMUL-33 Huntington WV, WRAU-19 Peoria IN, WBFF-45 Baltimore MD, WTEN-10 Albany NY & WCDC-19 Adams MA, OETA stations id of KOET-3 Eufaula/KQED-11 Tulsa/KWET-12 Cheyenne/KETA-13 Oklahoma City OK, WTOV-9 Steubenville OH, KENS-5 San Antonio TX, KIKU-13 Honolulu HI, WIS-10 Columbia SC, WKRQ-5 Mobile AL, KSTU-20 Salt Lake City UT, KBHK-44 San Francisco CA, KTXH-20 Houston TX, WMTV-15 Madison WI, KVOA-4 Tucson AZ, WEEK-25 Peoria IN, CKTM-13 Three Rivers PQ, WJAR-10 Providence RI, WDAU-22 now WYOU-TV. I have out some letters to stations for some logos, so in up coming columns will be some logos that are hard to come by. Also, I'm looking for info on tv stations that have gone stereo-tv. If you know of any please report of them when you send in your qsls & logos.

73's.



ANARC UPDATE

ANARCON '87

This year's greatest gathering of DX'ers in North America is only two months away. It is the annual ANARC Convention. It will be held from July 16 to 19 at the Novotel Hotel in Mississauga, Ontario, CANADA. Mississauga is just outside Toronto, which is one of North America's greatest and cleanest cities.

The convention will start a day earlier, on the evening of July 16th with an Early Bird Reception. This allow you to meet the other early attendees and the Broadcasters.

Friday's agenda starts with a taping of programs for Radio Canada International. The radio receiver manufacturers, equipment dealers, and the clubs will have exhibits at the convention. In the afternoon, there will be two seminars. One will deal with the aspect of the hobby known as Vintage Radio Collecting. This seminar will be given by Sid Prior. The second seminar will cover Longwave DX'ing. This seminar will be given by Herb Salfour. Herb is described as a "Lowfer". The International Broadcasters Forum will take place from 3 to 5pm. Last year's forum included many of the big names of shortwave radio and this year will be no exception.

Saturday's festivities will begin with a seminar on an introduction to our hobby. This seminar is designed for the beginner. For the more experienced DX'er there will be a seminar on RTTY (Radio Teletype broadcasts) at the same time. A new feature at this year's convention will be a club forum. Hopefully WTFDA will be represented at this part of the convention. After lunch, another program for Radio Canada International will be recorded. Two concurrent seminars will follow, another beginners forum and a seminar on propagation. A question and answer session with representatives of manufacturers and distributors of radio equipment will take place from 2:30 to 4pm. This will be followed by a seminar on antennas.

Saturday evening will be the main event of the convention, the annual ANARC Banquet. The keynote speaker this year will be Bob Grove, owner of Grove Enterprises, a leading distributor of receiving equipment. Bob also publishes Monitoring Times. I'm sure there will be plenty of door prizes as well as the annual ANARC raffle.

Sunday morning, several special interest workshops will be held. At 10am, Tom Williamson will give a seminar on fifty years of DX'ing. A highlight feature of the past few conventions, the World Radio-TV Handbook Quiz, hosted by Andy Sennit will follow at 11am. Following lunch the convention will conclude with the closing ceremonies and a tour of Toronto.

(Please note, the above agenda may change by the time of the convention. An updated agenda will be presented at the convention.)

For information and a registration form, please write to:

ANARCON '87
P.O. Box 232, Station Z
Toronto, Ontario M5N 2Z4
CANADA

I found a few new 800 numbers:
Maryland 1-800-331-1750
Virginia 1-800-VISIT VA

Well, that's it for this month.

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MAY 1987

Apparently not much ado in DX-land, since only 3 reports received this month. A little off-season E-skip skipped into the South, with openings noted 2/9, 2/17, 3/17, and 3/22. No appreciable spring tropo reported, though there is one unconfirmed report of brief FL-to-TX ducting.

This month's Rip Van Winkle Award goes to a long-inactive DXer that some of the real veterans in the club may remember. Check out the following page for a fine report from former AIPA columnist John O. Broomall!

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JANUARY 1987	FEBRUARY 1987	MARCH 1987
19 E 1713 unID-2	17 E 1800 WGBH-2	MA 734 17 E 1734 ColorVision-2
	1801 WBZ-4	MA 734
FEBRUARY 1987	1802 CBHT-3	NS 1116
9 E 1905 XHY-3 YU 1358	1826 WFSB-3	CT 642
(See note)		

NOTE on XHY-3 logging: "Ad for Bimbo Pan Tostado--what a name!!" (Now, Matt, ya never know...maybe Bimbo is a fine family name in Mexico!--jfc)

"Here's my little report, but it's big compared to this time last year...is this an indication of maybe 1987 being better than 1986 for E-skip? (I sure hope so--jfc) Interestingly, saw Es 2 months in a row on the same day--amazing just to see 2 openings in those 2 months."

"As I did last year, I'll trade my TVG's to anybody who wants them. I've got two editions: Bristol-Kingsport-Johnson City and Knoxville-Chattanooga. If you don't have two editions, I'll take two of the same one. It doesn't matter if you're out of range of Es reception here. I collect them from anywhere, so don't hesitate. I hope to hear from you! 73's and best of DX to all."

John F. Combs, 1308 Willow Branch #24, Jacksonville FL 32205

MARCH 1987

15 T 0138 t/in wk signals 7,25,26,41 + strong offset on WOFL-35...no IDs

17 T 0220 unID-29 after WAWS-30 off; pretty constant, barely there, not an image
1505 WTAT-24 SC (216)

18 T 0340 t/in WJKA-26 NC (335), WTAT-24 SC (216), unIDs-19,29

22 T 0745 to 0915 Widespread, but no great distances: Tallahassee, Tampa-St. Pete, Ft. Myers/Naples/Cape Coral (240-277), WTVX-34 FL (234), WJKA-26, WTAT-24

E 1200 unID-2 w/IDs of XH??-7, Imevision Net

1330 unID-2 SS Game/variety show for kids

1330 unID-3 briefly

T 1825 WTAT-24 SC (216)

2150 WATG-26 (SC)(215)

Larry Van Horn reports that a colleague of his in Melbourne FL reputedly logged KLRU-18 Austin TX early in the evening of the 22nd. I have been unable to confirm this. Those Mexicans are frustrating. I wish someone would do some investigative work and obtain a good list of Mexican TV stations. Jim Pizzi tells me that Imevision in particular has added a lot of relays, some on lo-band.

I now have a 4-bay antenna for UHF on a pole in my apartment, about 30' AG, but less AAT since I'm located on the side of a small incline. I now get fairly frequent scatter from Savannah, Hardeeville, and Orlando, usually just a frame bar. I also built a couple of Quad-loops for the upcoming E-skip season. They are cut to 60 MHz and located on the walls, one facing about NW-SE, the other NE-SW. I had also constructed 80 MHz loops for TV Chs. 5/6, but found, strangely, that the 60 MHz loops seem to outperform them on those channels! WESH-2 and WUFT-5 are regulars on the loops, WSAV-3 less so. Es should easily kill them, and I have noted a few MS bursts over WESH-2. For hi-band, I still use bunny ears.

This is probably as good of an antenna set-up as I can accomplish indoors. Any better ideas? The only two things I wish I could afford right now are (1) A decent receiver and (2) another decent receiver!

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SEPTEMBER 1986

1 T 2145 NYC V's strong
2325 WLIG-55 NY 145
2 T 2115 NYC V's strong
6 E 1830 MUF ch. 2
1915 MUF ch. 5
11 T 2335 NYC V's in/out
15 G 2305 WSBE-36 RI
"Back on the air"
20 T 2305 WCAU-10? PA T
23 G 2205 WNAC-64 (MA)
"ex-WSTG"

24 E 1825 MUF into FM
1850 WEDU-3 FL
25 T 1935 WTVS-26 CT 103
28 T 1020 NYC 4,9 in/out
1040 KYW-3 PA 295

OCTOBER 1986

1 T 2305 WPXT-51 ME 84
Portland "vy wk"
8 E 1825 MUF ch. 5
1855 WSIL-3 IL 1025
1920 KYTV-3 MD 1300
2030 MUF ch. 2 "in/out
--MS enhanced?"
9 E 1935 MUF ch. 5

OCTOBER 1986

11 T 1940 KYW-3 PA 295
1950 WCAU-10 PA 295
M 2145 unID-10
12 T 1825 KYW-3 PA 295
18 M 2000+ unIDs-2 all PM
23 E 2315 MUF ch. 4
2320 WBTW-3 NC 775
2330 WRBL-3 GA 1100
24 E 0000 WRCB-3 TN 975
0005 WMAB-2 MS 1250
30 T 2230 WCAU-10? PA T

NOVEMBER 1986

28 T 0745 NYC 5,7,9
2130 WCAU-10? PA T
2130+ CT 26,30,53,61
2330 WNJM-50 o/WNDS-50
2330 WUSA-9 o/WOR-9
(Above two on CATV)

DECEMBER 1986

1 T 2235 WAVY-10 VA 530
2235 WVEC-13 VA 530
6 G 2345 WRYT-46 MA 26
Norwell "vy wk"
14 M (PM) unIDs 2-7
17 ? (PM) unIDs 2-6

DECEMBER 1986

20 T 2340 WCAU-10 PA 295
27 E 1450+ MUF ch. 4
30 E 2140 MUF ch. 4
2145 WRCB-3 TN 975
2200 WSJK-2 TN 825
2305 WREG-3 TN 1200

JANUARY 1987

3 M 1610+ Ch. 2 "heavy"
E 1900+ MUF into FM
1940 WEAR-3 (AL) 1300
4 E 0015 MUF ch. 2
E? 1035-1150 MUF ch. 2
6 T 2325 NYC 9,11 in/out
13 E 1910+ MUF ch. 3
14 E 2000+ MUF ch. 4
2015 WCIA-3 IL 950

FEBRUARY 1987

11 T 2300 NYC 2,9; WCAU-10
26 G 2215 K19AK MA 17
Boston

MARCH 1987

10 T 2255 WCAU-10, WOR-9
16 T 2255 NYC-9,11 in/out
17 T 2215 NYC-7,9,11
2215 WCAU-10 PA 295

"What a weird off-season! This winter has definitely seen an unusual amount of MS. I wonder if it could have anything to do with the recent passing of Halley's Comet? The opening of the 17th of December is perplexing. I couldn't see any other stations with chs. 2,4,6, but there was definite, slow zero-beat flutter. I would immediately assume E-skip but it seemed to appear too quickly. The later unIDs on 2 and 4 seem to rule out an overdense MS burst. Any ideas?"

"As you can see by my log, the 'big holiday opening' barely tickled the airwaves in these parts. The last week in March has seen some nice weather, which at least has stirred up the airwaves a bit."

Can We Talk?

Since I have this space to fill, I want to discuss a few things about the column.

REPORT FORMAT: Please try to submit reports in either the standard 3-column format or in the paragraphical "musing" style (like Bob Seybold). The latter is especially useful for large reports. Underline new loggings, broken underline loggings by a new propagation (i.e., an MS log of a stn previously seen by Es). Please include distances. Estimates will do: use a compass and a cheapo map to draw concentric circles around your QTH at 100-mile intervals. (Or better yet, order my DX DISTANCE printouts, hint, hint.) Locations are only necessary for stations new to the air. Include program details only if unusual, humorous, or of particular value; e.g., Latin American loggings. And finally, if you have a very long report, and have extra time, typing it up or printing it out in VUD format will bring a smile to this editor's face, especially in heavy months!

ABOUT STALE LOGGINGS: I would really like for everyone to report every month, unless your DX is at really pitiful levels. Whereas this may not be practical for every contributor, I have to have some control over outdated loggings. So, BEGINNING WITH REPORTS SENT IN FOR THE JUNE 1st DEADLINE, LOGGINGS DATING MORE THAN 3 MONTHS PRIOR TO DEADLINE WILL BE DELETED. Example: for that June 1st deadline, any loggings prior to March 1st will be deleted, no matter how good they are. I don't think it's asking too much to report quarterly, do you?

+++++ *What a good idea!* At least that's what I hope you'll say when you read this. I would like to revive the old "TV-CCI AIDS" column that I did some 12 years ago. In a nutshell, the column would be a compendium of information useful to assist in IDing your DX: TPs used by different stns, s/on and s/off routines (for those stns still left that aren't AN!), names of news shows and local movies (i.e. Monster Chiller Horror Theater), slogans and non-IDs..... in short, just about any tidbits of info that might help a TV-DXer with an unID. However, such a column would depend on good, strong, steady support. Lemme know, in a card, phone call, or report, if you would like to see such a column!! IT'S BEEN REAL.....73, JOHN



PHOTO-NEWS

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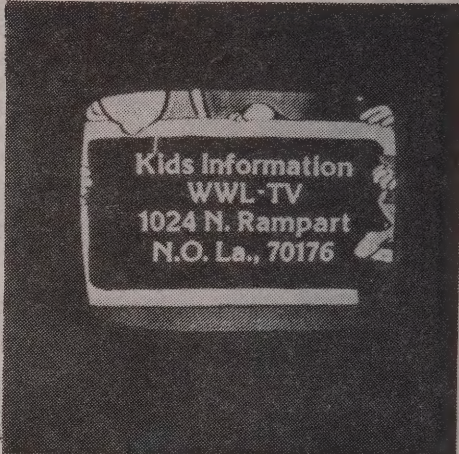
As promised; this months photos are from Bill Eckberg - Dixon, Illinois

Equipment: 1966 Zenith b&w tube type receiver ch 14N22, modified Zenith 175-1953 detented tuner. Channel Master 1110 VHF antenna. Channel Master 7 foot UHF parabolic antenna with Winegard PA-4975 preamplifier on a 40 foot tower.



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571 mile tropo
seen March 12, 1986



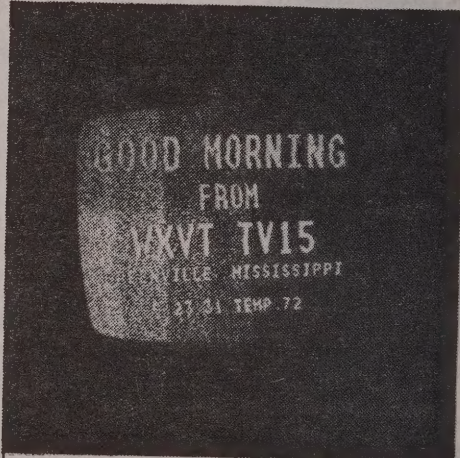
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WWL-4
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"over WHBF-4 at 61 miles"



WPCB-TV 40
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WPCB-40
Greensburg/Pittsburgh, PA
518 mile tropo
seen March 12, 1986
"religious"



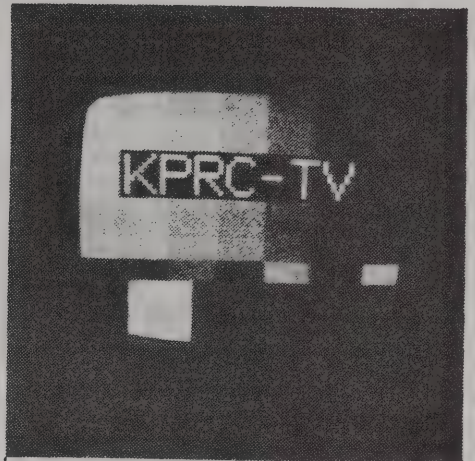
GOOD MORNING
FROM
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"ran 15 min before s/on"

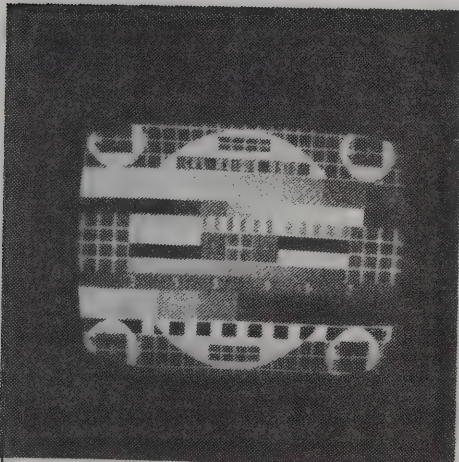
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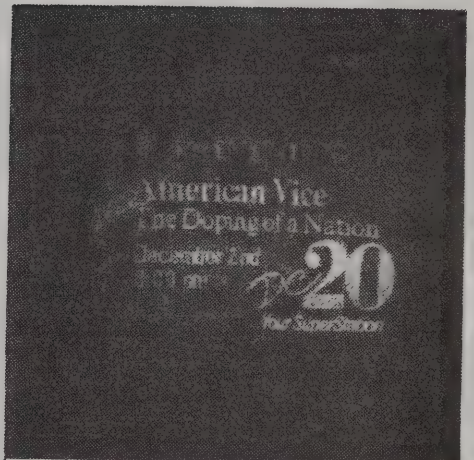
KTVP-29
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Arkansas
463 mile tropo
seen June 18, 1986
"ran 15 min before s/on"



KPRC-2
Houston, TX
890 mile MS
seen November 18, 1986
"most common MS station"



ICR-3
Santa Clara, Cuba
1350 mile E-skip
seen 1635 CST, Oct 8, 1986
"most unusual T. P."
"ICRT upper left corner"



WDCA-20*
Washington, DC
669 mile tropo
seen November 25, 1986
"note abbreviated ID"

That's it for this time.

More from Bill Eckberg in the next VUD.

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May 1987

Deadline: 6- 4-87

Highlights this month are early season E skip loggings during March as reported by Pat Dyer, and some nice tropo reported by Jeff Kadet (out to 980 miles) and by Mike Parks.

A reminder to all reporters - this is the last issue in which DX loggings older than 90 days will be published. That means that loggings older than 60 days at column deadline will not be used.

New _____ New Mode _____ Tent. - t Unidentified - unid S/On - + S/Off - =
ID Color Bars - @ _____ Unid Color Bars - % IHTP - ♀ Misc. Test Patterns - &
Sp - Spanish language

BN Baja California Norte
BS Baja California Sur
GR Guerrero

JA Jalisco
NL Nuevo Leon
PU Puebla

SO Sonora
ES El Salvador
GU Guatemala

Pat Dyer, 5315 Silvertip Drive, San Antonio, TX 78228-2744 (WA5IYX)

CST

Equipment: 1980 model Penncrest 9" black and white, Archer V-100 and eight bay bow tie UHF array at 20 feet with rotor, Emerson 872 VCR.

August 1986

1 tr 0005	WGNt 26 LA	3 Es 1800	unids chs 2,3 ne	6 Es 1647	unid ch 2 brief
0029	WAFB 9 LA 450	1810	WCBdt 2 SC	1816	unids chs 2, 3
Es 1345	unids chs 2-5 w		WSJkt 2 TN	1821	KVVut 5 NV
	XHAQt 5 BN	1830	XEWO 2 JA 690	1825	KVBC 3 NV 1050
1350	XHPNT 2 BS 945	1951	XHAQt 5 BN	1829	KNAZ 2 AZ 855
	(Call Change?)		XHBCt 3 BN	1830	KTVK 3 AZ 835
1410	XETVt 6 BN	1952	XETVt 6 BN		XHAQt 5 BN
1430	KCBS 2 CA 1190	2006	KVVut 5 NV		(MUF 104.1-1842)
1501	@XHBC 3 BN 1010		(144 MHz to CA @ 2128)	1920	XHBCt 3 BN
	(Exquisite CBTP)	2159	KCBS 2 CA 1190	2000	apx fade/outs
	KTLAt 5 CA	2217	soon fade/outs	tr 2314	KALBt 5 LA
1630	apx fade/outs	4 Es 0800-0835	unids chs2,3	7 Es 0915-1020	unids chs2,3
2 tr 0030	KLFY 10 LA 395	0917-1000	unids chs2,3	1027	KTCA 2 MN 1110
0202	WVUE 8 LA 510	0928	KTVot 3 MO	1120	KBMEt 3 ND
	WGNt 26 LA	0929	WIWO 2 IN 935	1159	KTVQ 2 MT 1245
0203	KADN 15 LA 395	1050-1101	unids chs2,3	1232	KIWO 2 WY 1015
0209	WNOL 38 LA 510	1100	WFMYt 2 NC	1245	KWGN 2 CO 810
0314	WPMIt 15 AL		WESht 2 FL	1300	apx fade/outs
0343	WAFB 9 LA 450	1515	unids chs 2-5	1428	unid ch 2 brief
0808	KLTLt 18 LA	1529	WJBF 6 GA 1010	8 Es 0905-1000	unids chs2,3
	KLPBt 24 LA	1551	WBTV 2 NC 1105		(Spanish s & sw)
	WLPBt 27 LA		(MUF 107.9-1559)	1045-1130	unids chs2,3
	KVHPt 29 LA	1656	WCIX 6 FL 1150	1129	KGAN 2 IA 945
	WLAEt 32 LA	1950	XHBC 3 BN 1010	1259	KIDK 3 ID 1215
	WRBTt 33 LA	1952	KCBS 2 CA 1190	1359	KGFE 2 ND 1240
	KMSSt 33 LA	1959	KVBC 3 NV 1050	1429	KTVQ 2 MT 1245
	KALBt 5 LA		KNAZ 2 AZ 855	1544-1800	unids chs2,3
3 Es 0835	unids channel 2		(MUF 98.5-2002)		(Spanish)
0903	KTVKt 3 AZ	2100	KVOAt 4 AZ	1544	X--- 2 BS ?
	KPHot 5 AZ		XHAQt 5 BN		(BCS...del Cabo)
	KCBSt 2 CA	2110	KPHot 5 AZ	1845	unid channel 2
0917	KVOAt 4 AZ		apx fade/outs	1859	KMTV 3 NE 830
1006	KVVUt 5 NV	5 Es 1035-1230	unids chs2,3		KUSD 2 SD 920
	KVBCt 3 NV	1035	WFMYt 2 NC	1929	KOTA 3 SD 1040
1045	apx fade/outs	1229	WBBM 2 IL 1045	1943	KXMA 2 ND 1225
1317-1340	unids chs2-4	1230-1516	unids chs2,3	1945	KPRYt 4 SD
	(Spanish - se)	1427	KTCA 2 MN 1110	2020	apx fade/outs
1356	unid ch2 n or nw	1639	unids channel 2	2110-2125	chs 2, 3 ne
1400-1530	unids chs2,3	1712	WBAY 2 WI 1190	2128	WSJK 2 TN 1010
1525	WESht 2 FL		(MUF 108+ -1857)	2131	KIDK 3 ID 1215
1530	WPBT 2 FL 1150	2100	apx fade/outs	2145	apx fade/outs
1537	WSAVt 3 GA	6 Es 1050	unid ch 2 brief	10 Es 1005	unids chs 2, 3
1548	WFMYt 2 NC	1145	unids ch 2 brief		(ne?? - brief)
				1555-1607	unids chs2,3

Pat Dyer (continued)

10 Es 1655	XHBCt 3 BN	18 tr 0355	(See Note # 1)	28 Es 1055	WEDUt 3 FL
1658	KCBS 2 CA 1190	0414	KJAC 4 TX 280	1059	WESH 2 FL 1055
1703	XHAQt 5 BN	0429	KLMG 51 TX 310	1100	WPBT 2 FL 1150
1740	apx fade/outs	0429	KVHP 29 LA 325	1125	WCIX 6 FL 1150
1820	unids chs 2, 3	0430	unid ch 30 SIN	1229	WCTV 6 FL 855
1828	KGAN 2 IA 945	0439	unid channel 41		(MUF 108+ -1234)
1828-1932	unids chs2,3		(KVHP-29 xltr??)	1350	WRALt 5 NC
	(Spanish)	0444	KFDM 6 TX 275	1357	WBTv 3 NC 1105
2051	KCBSt 2 CA	0643	KADNt 15 LA		WFMY 2 NC 1175
	KNBCt 4 CA		KLTLt 18 LA	1549	WTVN 6 OH 1130
	(MUF 106.5-2109)		KLPBt 24 LA	1600	WKYC 3 OH 1250
2113	XHAQt 5 BN	0644	WRBt 33 LA	1816	WFMY 2 NC 1175
2123	XHBCt 3 BN	Es 1020	unids ch 2 brief	1929	unid ch3 Spanish
2135	XETVt 6 BN		(Tr masking MUF)	2115	unid ch2 Spanish
2206	apx fade/outs	1515	unids chs 2,3 nw		soon fade/out
11 Es 0830	unids channel 2	1522	KCBS 2 CA 1190	29 Es 1015-1025	unids chs2-6
	(Much ms mixing)	1559	apx fade/outs		(Spanish)
0855	WDIN 2 OH 1075	1732	unids ch 2 brief	1032	XHAP 2 GR 880
0859	KGAN 2 IA 945	1827-1928	unids chs2-4		(MUF 89.3-1036)
0919	WCCOt 4 MN		(Spanish - west)	1131	+YSR 2 ES 1200
0929	KTCA 2 MN 1110	1937	XHAQt 5 BN	1136	YSU t 4 ES
0931	KDLO 3 SD 1070	1950	XHBC 3 BN 1010	1135	unids chs 2-4
0958	KPRYt 4 SD		(MUF 92.3-2000)	1335	WTTVt 4 IN
0959	KGFE 2 ND 1240	2004	KTVK 3 AZ 835	1339	WSIL 3 IL 810
	KHME 3 ND 1200	2015	KCBSt 2 CA	1359	WBBM 2 IL 1045
1004	KFYRt 5 ND	2059	apx fade/outs	1458	WTVJt 4 FL
	(MUF 88.9-1007)	20 Es 1613-1630	unid ch 2	1500	WPBT 2 FL 1150
1145	apx fade/outs		(E or northeast)		(MUF 89.3-1501)
1347-1355	unid ch 2 w	1710-1855	unids chs2-4	1511	WBTv 3 NC 1105
12 Es 0840	unid ch 2 brief	1721	KGAN 2 IA 945	1528	WESH 2 FL 1055
ms 1000+	rates higher	1745	WFMY 2 NC 1175		WEDU 3 FL 985
	than 0800-0900		(MUF 89.3-1858)	1632	WCBDt 2 SC
16 Es 0835	unids chs 2, 3	2117	apx fade/outs	1658	WSAV 3 CA 1050
0929	WLNS 6 MI 1200	21 Es 0715	WESht 2 FL	1659	WUNct 4 NC
Es?1012	unid channel 7		(MUF 107.9 and		WUND 2 NC 1360
Es	(MUF 109+ -1017)		VOR's at 0836)		(Audio)
1257	KNOP 2 NE 815	1300+	fade/outs		WKRN 2 TN 820
1355	apx fade/outs	1850	unids chs 2-4		(Video)
2107	unids channel 2	1900	KGAN 2 IA 945		(MUF 108+ -1755)
2112	WWAY 3 NC 1250	1908	KMTV 3 NE 830	2100	WRCBt 3 TN 865
	WFMY 2 NC 1175		(MUF 98.5-1945)	2105	WSJK 2 TN 1010
2144	apx fade/outs		apx fade/outs		unid ch 3 NC
	(Tr masking MUF)	22 Es 0715	unids channel 2	2123	WKRN 2 TN 820
tr 2253	KPLC 7 LA 325	0746	WKRN 2 TN 820	2125	apx fade/outs
Es 2259	unid ch 2 brief		(MUF 109+ -0830)	30 Es 0010	unids chs 2, 3
17 tr 0016	KLFY 10 LA 395	0959	KAAL 6 MN 1035	0030	unid channel 3
0051	KALB 5 LA 385		(MUF 89.1-1209)	0710-0730	unids chs2-4
Es 1017	unids chs 2, 3	1433	WCIVt 4 SC		(Tr masking MUF)
1029	WCBD 2 SC 1120	1446	WCBD 2 SC 1120		(MUF 105.9-0901)
1032	WBTvt 3 NC		WWAY 3 NC 1250	1200	apx fade/outs
1044	apx fade/outs	1518	WSB 2 GA 880	1252	unids chs 2-4
1140	unid ch 2 brief		(MUF 107.9-1530)		WDAFt 4 MO
1240-1335	unids ch 2		(MUF 88.9-1802)	1256	KTVO - 3 MO 835
	(Spanish - west)		apx fade/outs		f/outs by 1500
1240	KCBSt 2 CA	23 Es 1000-1005	unids ch 2	1700	unids 2, 3 brief
1658-1720	unids ch 2		(Spotty)	1817-1823	unids ch2 nw
	(Spanish -south)	1510-1815	unids chs2,3	1920-1937	unid ch 2
1817	unids ch 2 brief		(Spanish)		(Spotty)
	(Spanish)	1544	XHPET 2 ?? ????	2120-2125	unids chs2-4
2050-2100	unid ch 2 Sp		(Condidio Axica?)	2132-2200	unid ch 2
18 tr 0154	WAFB 9 LA 450	1950	KCBSt 2 CA		(Spanish - west)
	KLFY 10 LA 395		XHAQt 5 BN	2328	KNAZt 2 AZ
0330	KAFC 3 LA 395		(MUF 94.1-2007)	2347	apx fade/outs
0337	WGNot 26 LA	2051	apx fade/outs	31	(1900-2040+ loc lgtng)
0345	KALBt 5 LA	25 tr 0436	KFDM 6 TX 275	31 Es 2040-2200	unids chs2,3
		26 Es 1025-1045	unid ch 2	2050	KGFEt 2 ND
		28 Es 1055	unids chs 2, 3	2134	KXMA 2 ND 1225

Note # 1 - 8/18 @ 0355 - Tropo so strong that 88.1 at 200 mi was audible on ch 6!

Pat Dyer (continued)

Perhaps one of the most active Augusts of E skip that I've seen in my 25+ years of this. The FM total time was equal to the SUM of the Augusts of 1980-1985! So much that the Perseids were not much monitored.

The 144 MHz E skip events were very brief and isolated. Tropo was pretty much normal (and still confused things by masking the E skip MUF a lot!). August 19 had a record all-time high here of 108 degrees.

September 1986

1 Es 1045-1100 unids chs2,3 (Spanish s & sw)	12 Es 1910-2020 unids chs2,3 (Spanish - se)	22 Es 0855 unids 2, 3 brief
4 Es 1920 unids channel 2 (South - brief)	1910 Cuba chs 2, 3	24 Es 0910t/in unids ch 2 (Spanish -south)
5 Es 1727-1743 WCBdt 2 SC (Loc lightning)	13 Es 1608-1800 unids ch2 Sp	1915-1130 unids 2,3 Sp
6 Es 1135-1235 unids ch 2 (Spanish -w & s)	1800 TGV t 3 GU	0953 Cuba 2
1715 unids chs 2,3	1828 YSR 2 ES 1200	1019 Cuba 3
1727 WCIVt 4 SC	1940 apx fade/outs	1935 unids ch 2 brief
1729 WCBd 2 SC 1120	2100-2130 unids ch2 Sp	25 Es 0825-0915 unids chs2,3 (Spanish-Mexico)
1805 WCSct 5 SC	14 Es 1727 unids chs 2-6	0917 XHAP 2 GR 880
WESHt 2 FL	WPBT 2 FL 1150	1015 fade/outs
1810 WPBT 2 FL	WTVJt 4 FL	1703 unids chs 2,3 w (Loc lightning)
WEDUt 3 FL	WCIXt 6 FL	1800 XHBC 3 BN 1010
WTVJt 4 FL	1806-1820 144 MHz - FL	1847 KCBS 2 CA 1190
WCIXt 6 FL	1928 WCBdt 2 SC	1915 apx fade/outs
(MUF 92.3-1821)	1955 WBTV 3 NC 1105	2005 unids ch 2 brief
1900 WUND 2 NC 1360	WCIVt 4 SC	2105 unids ch 2 west
1919 WRCBt 3 TN	2012 WFMYt 2 NC	2115 KNBct 4 CA
1931 WJXt 4 FL	2116 WESHt 2 FL	2117 KCBS 2 CA 1190
1934 WWAYt 3 NC	2140 apx fade/outs	KEYTt 3 CA
1952 WBTV 3 NC 1105	0635-0646 unids 2, 3 e	2130 apx fade/outs
1956 WFMYt 2 NC	0649 WESH 2 FL 1055	28 Es 1800-1815 unids chs2,3 (Spanish -south)
2100 apx fade/outs	0700 spotty to...	29 Es 1817-1855 unids 2-5 Sp
7 Es 0920 unids ch 2 brief	0727 fade/outs	1850 YSR t 2 ES
1150 unids ch 2 brief	1810-1820 unids 2, 3 e (Loc lightning)	YSU t 4 ES
ms 2116:37 KGAN 2 IA 945	17 Es 1636-1936+ unid ch 2 (Spanish -south)	(MUF 93.7-1901)
8 ms (morning rates large)	21 Es 1540-1555+ unids ch 2 (Spanish s & se)	1920-2125 unids chs2-6

Hardly a normal September with all the E skip. Considering the abnormal August, it wasn't too unexpected.

The 144 MHz E skip conveniently occurred during the ARRL September VHF Contest. Some at first actually mistook it for tropo which was already somewhat above normal along the immediate gulf coast areas.

The only thing "normal" about the September E skip was, like most years, the paths to Mexico and Central America as well as across the southern-tier states predominated here.

October 1986

5 Es 1532-1540 unids ch 2 (Spanish -south)	8 Es 1239 WCBdt 2 SC	9 Es 1739 unids chs 2,3 ne
1710 unid ch 2 brief	1258 WBTV 3 NC 1105	1743 WTAEt 4 PA
6 Es 1715 unids chs 2-4	1259 WFMY 2 NC 1175	1745 KDKA 2 PA 1280
TGV t 3 GU	1403 WMAr 2 MD 1410	WSAZ 3 WV 1100
YSU t 4 ES	1414 WDIVt 5 WV	1747 WDIVt 5 WV
1720 YSR 2 ES 1200	(MUF 88.9-1417)	(MUF 106.1-1929)
(MUF 88.8 MHz)	1425 KDKA 2 PA 1280	1957 WCBd 2 SC 1120
1840 apx fade/outs	1428 WSAZ 3 WV 1100	WCIVt 4 SC
8 Es 0915 unids channel 2 (Much ms mixing)	1459 WSJKt 2 TN	1959 WSAV 3 GA 1050
0933 Cuba t chs 2, 3	1504 WDTnt 2 OH	2035 WWAY 3 NC 1250
0935 Cuba t 6	1523 WTAR 3 VA 1375	2115 apx fade/outs
1000 WPBT 2 FL 1150	1557 apx fade/outs	13 ms 0413:42 KQTV 2 MO 750
1003 WTVJt 4 FL	1638 WESHt 2 FL	Es 1528-1537 unids chs2,3
1014 WCIX 6 FL 1150	1651 WTAEt 4 PA	1529 WCBd 2 SC 1120
1028 WEDU 3 FL 985	(MUF 89.7-1653)	1618 unids ch 2 brief
1051 WCPXt 6 FL	1654 WBTV 3 NC 1105	1741 unids chs 2,3 (Spanish -south)
1059 WESH 2 FL 1055	1657 KDKA 2 PA 1280	Cuba t 3
1106 WJXTt 4 FL	1704 WFMY 2 NC 1175	1830 WPBT 2 FL 1150
1109 WUFTt 5 FL	WSJKt 2 TN	1842 WEDUt 3 FL
(MUF 96.5-1150)	1729 WPSX 3 PA 1375	1923 WPSXt 3 PA
1239 WWAYt 3 NC	WWAY 3 NC 1250	(MUF 92.3-1932)
	(MUF 104.1-1853)	1943 KDKAt 2 PA
	2045-2115 unids 2,3 Sp	(MUF 89.3-2015)

Pat Dyer (continued)			14 Es 1530 KIDK 3 ID 1215	15 Es 2157-2215 WESHT 2 FL
13 Es 2030	apx fade/outs		1543 KCWCt 4 WY	16 1602 Solar flare noise
14 Es 0755-0913	unids chs 2, 3		(MUF 94.9-1550)	channels 2-4
	(Spotty)		1600 KTWQ 2 WY 1015	22 Es 1210-1220 unids ch 2
0828 WPBT	2 FL 1150		1629 KTVQ 2 MT 1245	(Spanish -south)
0913-1014	unids 2, 3 Sp		f/outs by 1705	25 Es 0945 unids channel 2
1024 KEYT	3 CA 1270		1732 unids channel 2	0955 WBTVt 3 NC
1028 KCBS	2 CA 1190		1758 WFMY 2 NC 1175	1023 WCIVt 4 SC
1120-1230	unids ch2 Sp		1800 WBTVt 3 NC	1030 WWAY 3 NC 1250
1424	unids chs 2, 3 w		1819 WSJkt 2 TN	1050 WCBd 2 SC 1120
1436 KUTV	2 UT 1080		1831 WCBdt 2 SC	1150-1400 unids ch 2
	KTVXt 4 UT		(MUF 107.9-1930)	(Spotty)
1447 KSL t	5 UT		2100 apx fade/outs	1309 WFMYt 2 NC
	(MUF 88.9-1455)	15 Es 1010-1015	unids ch 2	1437 apx fade/outs

Well, the trend continued with an abnormally high incidence of E skip for the month of October. The FM minutes were close to three times any other October in my 17 years of records there!

While Mexico and Central America constituted a lot of the openings, the more northerly US states showed up as well. One has to wonder when (or if) the "summer" E skip season ended.

A large magnetic storm struck the mid afternoon and early evening of October 13, giving 50 MHz F2 paths to Hawaii from here (and E skip linkage then into Florida). However, nothing of an F2 nature was noted on the TV during the event.

November 1986			6 Es 0917 WSB 2 GA 880	17 tr 1058 KALBt 5 LA
4 Es 1033	unids channel 2		0928 WWAY 3 NC 1250	1059 KADN 15 LA 395
1036 WCBd	2 SC 1120		0957 WCBd 2 SC 1120	KVHpt 29 LA
1100 WWAY	3 NC 1250		(Audio)	KLAXt 31 LA
1200 WCIVt	4 SC		WSJkt 2 TN	KITU 34 TX 275
1302 WFMYt	2 NC		(Video)	1104 KLTLt 18 LA
1440	apx fade/outs		0959 WCIVt 4 SC	WAPTt 16 MS
2020	unid ch 2 ne		1110 WESH 2 FL 1055	2230 KLTLt 18 LA
2023 WJBK	2 MI 1225		1145 WTVJt 4 FL	WAPTt 16 MS
2033	unids chs 2, 3		WPBT 2 FL 1150	18 tr 0915 KLTLt 18 LA
2054 WBBM	2 IL 1045		1155 WEDUt 3 FL	unid channel 46
	soon fade/outs		1216	25 Es 2000 unid ch 2 brief
5 Es 1255-1315	unids ch 2	7 Es 0818	unids ch 2 brief	30 Es 1855-1905 unids ch 2
6 Es 0915	unids chs 2, 3	17 tr 0429	KFDM 6 TX 275	(Spanish -south)

The E skip finally became more "normal" for the first time in many months. Except for election night (November 4) what there was, again, was mostly to the southern states and Mexico, etc.

My first awareness of the November "super tropo" was reading about it in the VUD a few months later! I couldn't believe that too much of it had penetrated this far south into the state or I'd have noticed the CCI (I do usually keep the antennas aimed to the northeast if nothing else is going on in any other direction).

Thus seeing our channel 12 having been logged in Illinois was a shock! Their antenna is some 25 miles southeast of here and almost 1500 feet above average terrain. Thus the duct appears to have either been elevated at this end or had a very sharp boundary over that distance difference (or both).

December 1986			6 Es 1913 KIDKt 3 ID	15 Es 1611 WMAR 2 MD 1410
2 Es 1605	WSJkt 2 TN		1930 apx fade/outs	1627 KGAN- 2 IA 945
1637 WFMY	2 NC 1175	7 Es 1430-1600	unids chs 2-4	1642-1728 unids chs 2, 3
1639 WTAR	3 VA 1375		(Spanish -south)	1701 WJMN 3 MI 1280
1640 WRC t	4 DC		(MUF 98.6-1614)	16 Es 1055 WFMYt 2 NC
1647 WBTV	3 NC 1105		1640-1930 unids 2-4 Sp	WBTVt 3 NC
	(MUF 92.5-1658)	12 ms 0545:35	KNOP 2 NE 815	1059 WSJK 2 TN 1010
1712 WWAY	3 NC 1250	13 ms 0404:33	WAGA 5 GA 880	1100 WSB 2 GA 880
1718 WCIVt	4 SC		:35 WCYB 5 VA 1065	1125 WRCBt 3 TN
1723 WCBdt	2 SC		0539:48 KQTV 2 MO 750	1256 apx fade/outs
1737	apx fade/outs		0540:50 WOI 5 IA 880	1646 unids channel 2
5 Es 1709	unids channel 2		0548 local ch 4 s/on	1704 WESH 2 FL 1055
1712-15	WIMW 2 IN 935		0625 local ch 5 s/on	1735 WEDUt 3 FL
1804	unids ch 2 brief	Es 2018	unids ch 2 brief	1758 WPBT 2 FL 1055
6 Es 1812	unids chs 2, 3	14 ms 0516:30	WMAQ 5 IL 1045	1814 apx fade/outs
	(Northwest & w)		0555:40 WOI 5 IA 880	18 Es 1610-1620 WSJkt 2 TN
1817 KTWQ	2 WY 1015		0615 local ch 4 s/on	1750 WCBdt 2 SC brief
1904 KUTVt	2 UT	15 Es 1609	unids channel 2	1930-1943 unids ch 2

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21 Es 0540 unids channel 2	25 Es 1825 KSNW 3 KS 570	27 Es 1813 KDLO 3 SD 1070
ms 0539:58 WCYB 5 VA 1065	1844 KUSDt 2 SD	1832 KUSD 2 SD 920
Es 0544 WFMY 2 NC 1175	1920 KQIV 2 MO 750	soon fade/outs
0546 WBTVt 3 NC	1943 KCBS 2 CA 1190	unids ch 2 Sp
0604 local ch 4 s/on	1944 KTVK 3 AZ 835	28 Es 1755 YSR t 2 ES
ms 0605:03 KATC 3 LA 395	1951 KPHOt 5 AZ	TGV t 3 GU
0636 local ch 5 s/on	1954 KVOAt 4 AZ	YSU t 4 ES
Es 0637 apx fade/outs	1957 KNAZ 2 AZ 855	YSLAt 6 ES
1440 WESht 2 FL brief	2035 apx fade/outs	1825 soon fade/outs
1816-1906 WESht 2 FL	26 Es 1605-1700 unids chs2,3	29 Es 1650 unids channel 2
25 Es 1217t/in unids 2, 3 n	(Spanish - sw)	1733 TGV t 3 GU
1221 KDLOt 3 SD	1700 XHP 3 PU 735	1812 YSR 2 ES 1200
1229 KUSD 2 SD 920	1801 fade/outs	1900 apx fade/outs
1251 KNOpt 2 NE	1843 XHAQt 5 BN	31 Es 1150t/in unids chs 2-4
1329 apx fade/outs	(MUF 92.5-1846)	WCIVt 4 SC
1511-1519 unids ch 2	1857 XHBC 3 BN 1010	1157 WRCBt 3 TN
1630 unids channel 2	1917 KCBS 2 CA 1190	1159 WCBd 2 SC 1120
1717 WITVt 4 IN	1919 KNBCt 4 CA	1229 WDIQ 2 AL 730
WCIAt 3 IL	1946-2130? 2-4 Spanish	1237 apx fade/outs
1724 WIWO 2 IN 935	27 Es 1706 unids chs 2, 3	1755 unids chs 2, 3
(MUF 94.7-1737)	1714 KVBC 3 NV 1050	(Spanish-s & se)
1746 WRTV 6 IN 995	KVVUt 5 NV	1804 XHAP 2 GR 880
1749 KTVIt 2 MO	(MUF 94.1-1716)	1840 lull
WSILt 3 IL	1722-1745 lull	1904 unids chs 2, 3 w
1754 KYTVt 3 MO	1745 KNOpt 2 NE	KCBS 2 CA 1190
1816 KSNC 2 KS 615	1748 KQIVt 2 MO	1906 XHAQt 5 BN
1817 KLNET 3 NE	1759 KGAN 2 IA 945	1911 XHBCt 3 BN
	1802 KTVot 3 MO	1925 apx fade/outs

A rather healthy December E skip season considering the November "sag" versus October, etc.

The Geninids (and Ursids) were productive, with three new channel 5's caught that way (though two were also prior E skip loggings) - as well as channel 3 from Lafayette, Louisiana at a close 395 miles!

Having the shower peaks coincide with the only two mornings (Saturday and Sunday) that our local channel 5 goes off helped a whole lot!

The early evening December 25 E skip had 50 MHz skip down to about 349 miles from Paris, Texas.

Now for the really B-A-D news here. In the midst of composing this December report, the March 12 newspaper arrived with an article about the fourteen applicants for a 100 kw channel 2 for Fredericksburg, Texas. It appears that they will be trying to "rim shot" the Austin-San Antonio market, so it's likely that their target choice for a transmitter location may be as close as 30 miles from here - almost due north!

The inevitable presence now of a local channel 2 is not going to help those of us in the area who also operate on 50 MHz (in my case, since December of 1963).

While some sort of a VCR was contemplated down the line to catch the wonderous dynamics of the E skip events, this development provided an instant impetus - in order that the most could be captured before it would be forever denied us here.

An Emerson model 872 was obtained. Only the test of time will show if its varactor tuner will be up to it alone, or if I'll have to run direct audio/video taps from the black and white TV set (and thus be able to change channels while its recording).

January 1987

2 Es 1200t/in unids ch 2 ne	6 tr 0240 WNOLt 38 LA	21 ms(High rates during day)
1207 unid channel 3	Es 1725 WESht 2 FL	28 Es 2030 unids chs 2, 3
1300 apx fade/outs	1732 WUFTt 5 FL	2034 KNAZ 2 AZ 855
3 ms 1200 ch 2 -rates high	1743 WUDUt 3 FL	2035 XHAQt 5 BN
w/ much overlap	1835 apx fade/outs	2105 KTVKt 3 AZ
Es 2241-0000 unids 2,3 ne	19 Es 1608 unids chs 2, 3	XHBCt 3 BN
4 Es 0000-0025 unids 2,3 ne	1609 WDTN 2 OH 1075	2116 KCBS 2 CA 1190
6 tr 0150 WGNt 26 LA	1610 unid channel 4	KNBCt 4 CA
0153 KADNt 15 LA	1624 apx fade/outs	2150 apx fade/outs
0224 KVHP 29 LA 325	20 Es 2055-2100 unids chs2,3	29 Es 1925-2055 2, 3 n & ne
	(North or ne)	2032 WKZot 3 MI

Not an overwhelming amount of E skip this month, but things were picking up by the end of it. No high temperature days like in 1986, so no tropo ducting beyond Louisiana.

February 1987

2 Es 2012-2030 unid ch 2 s	3 Es 0815-0820 unids ch 2	3 Es 1820 KCBS 2 CA 1190
2100 unid ch 2 brief	1810 unids channel 2	1847 KEYTt 3 CA
	1815 KNAZt 2 AZ	1852 unid ch 2 Sp w

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Pat Dyer (continued)

May 1987

3 Es 1943	XHBCt 3 BN	12 Es 1826	TGV t 3 GU	17 Es 1744	KVBC 3 NV 1050
1957	XHAQt 5 BN	1851	YSU t 4 ES	1745	YSR 2 ES 1200
2022	KNBct 4 CA	1852	YSLAt 6 ES	1752	YSU t 4 ES
2130	apx fade/outs		(MUF 89.3-1908)	1827	YSLAt 6 ES
4 tr 0410	WGN0t 26 LA	1956	apx fade/outs		(MUF 94.5-1831)
Es 1510-1715	unids ch 2	13 tr 0040	KBMTt 12 TX	1855-1955	unids 2,3 Sp
(Spanish - sw)		Es 2115	KUTVt 2 UT		spotty to 2055
5 Es 2220	unids ch 2 west	2124	KTVXt 4 UT	2110	apx fade/outs
2228	KCBS 2 CA 1190	2135	apx fade/outs	20 Es 1955-2110	unids chs2-4
2245	KEYTt 3 CA	14 Es 1738	unids chs 2, 3		(Spanish-se,s,sw)
2257	soon fade/outs	1745	WESht 2 FL	21 Es 1848-1900	unids ch 2
7 Es 1845-1930	unids 2-4 Sp	1753	WFMYt 2 NC	1900-1945	unids chs2-4
9 Es 1725-1800	unids chs2,3	1757	WCIVt 4 SC	1934	KNOpt 2 NE
1800	WESht 2 FL	1758	WEDU 3 FL 985	1947	KPRYt 4 SD
1828	WPBT 2 FL 1150	1759	WCBd 2 SC 1120	1959	KOTA 3 SD 1050
1841	WEDUt 3 FL	1855	KIVI 6 ID 1380	2007	KTWot 2 WY
1843	KUTV 2 UT 1080		(MUF 107.9-1856)	2023	KWGN 2 CO 810
	KTVXt 4 UT	1929	KUTV 2 UT 1080	2028	KVBC 3 NV 1050
1929	KNAZ 2 AZ 855	2017	apx fade/outs	2048	XHAQt 5 BN
	KVVUt 5 NV	15 Es 1606-1605	unids ch 2 w		XHBCt 3 BN
1954	XHAQt 5 BN	1720	unid channel 2	2059	KVOAt 4 AZ
(MUF 98.7-2012)		1803-1855	unids 2-5 ne		KTVK 3 AZ 835
2028	KVBC 3 NV 1050	1811	WFMYt 2 NC	2100	XETVt 6 BN
2030	KCBSt 2 CA		WBIVt 3 NC	2102	KNMZ 2 NM 600
	KNBct 4 CA	1824	WSJKt 2 TN		KNAzt 2 AZ
2057	XHBCt 3 BN	1832	WRCBt 3 TN	2107	unid channel 5
2145	apx fade/outs	1840	WCBdt 2 SC	2149	apx fade/outs
10 Es 1650-1715	unids 2, 3 w		WCIVt 4 SC	22 Es 1020	unid 2 w brief
1715	XHPDT 2 SO 895	1842	WWAYt 3 NC	1815	WCBdt 2 SC
1730	KVVUt 5 NV	1858	KDLO 3 SD 1070	1821	WCIVt 4 SC
1732	KVBC 3 NV 1050		(MUF 89.3-1900)	1835	WBIVt 3 NC
1742	XHBCt 3 BN	1916	KQIVt 2 MO		WFMYt 2 NC
1751	KCBS 2 CA 1190	1945	KTVot 3 MO	1840	WWAYt 3 NC
1808	KNBct 4 CA	1950	KCBSt 2 CA		(MUF 107.9-1907)
	KTLAt 5 CA	1951	KNBct 4 CA	1959	WRCB 3 TN 865
1818	XHAQt 5 BN	2009	KNAzt 2 AZ	2000	WSJK 2 TN 1010
(MUF 101.5-1819)		2048	apx fade/outs	2014	KCBS 2 CA 1190
1858-1937	unids 2, 3 w	16 Es 1922	unid 2 w brief	2017	KEYTt 3 CA
1937	KEYTt 3 CA	17 Es 1629	XHBC 3 BN 1010		KNBct 4 CA
11 Es 1920-2015	unids 2,3 se		XHAQt 5 BN	2028	XHAQt 5 BN
12 Es 1817	unids 2, 3 Sp sw	1640	XETVt 5 BN		(MUF 106.5-2054)
1825	YSR 2 ES 1200		(MUF 94.1-1645)	2131	unids chs 2, 3
		1650	KVVUt 5 NV	2144	apx fade/outs

If one considers November-February as the "winter E skip season", then this month would have to have been its peak (with some six hours worth of it in the FM band).

A few days produced simultaneous openings to both the east and west coasts. Again, a large share of it went down into Mexico and Central America.

In some respects, this month was a lot like the high levels of six months ago - August. Though there were several warm days in February, nothing outstanding in tropo came out of it here.

March 1987

2 ms 1300	(Rates up)	8 Es 2119	XHBCt 3 BN	22 Es 0925	unids chs 2, 3
Es 2010	unids ch 2 south		KTVKt 3 AZ		(Spanish-s & se)
2021-2040	chs 2, 3 nw?		XHAQt 5 BN	0943	Cuba t 3
6 Es 1752	unids channel 2	2121	KCBSt 3 CA		(MUF 89.3-1006)
1754	WTVJt 4 FL	2150	apx fade/outs	1023	YSU t 4 ES
1759	WPBT 2 FL 1150	20 tr 0444	KFDM 6 TX 275	1112	YSR 2 ES 1200
1843	WEDUt 3 FL	0510	WGN0t 26 LA	1115-1245	2, 3 Mexico
1900	Cuba t 3		KITUt 34 TX	1320	WPBT 2 FL 1150
	WESH 2 FL 1055	0920	KPLCt 7 LA	1417	WESht 2 FL
1955	spotty to	2331	XEFBt 2 NL		soon fade/outs
2027	apx fade/outs		XHX t 10 NL	1712	WPBT 2 FL brief
7 Es 1210	KVBCt 3 NV	21 tr 0303	KFDM 6 TX 275	1817	WESht 2 FL
1325	KCBSt 2 CA	Es 1805-1856	unids ch 2		1820-1915 unids chs2,3
1334	KTVKt 3 AZ		(Spotty)		(Spanish)
	spotty to	1836	WESht 2 FL	1920-1945	unids chs5,6
1423	fade/outs	1838	WPBTt 2 FL	2018	apx fade/outs
8 Es 2055	unids chs 2, 3 s	22 tr 0310	KFDM 6 TX	27 ms 0900	(Morning rates up)
				28 tr 0634	KTRE 9 TX 265

Pat Dyer (continued) Not too bad an Es month, considering that statistically it's almost always been the worst of the year!

At least the March 22 events let me get a bit of El Salvador on tape - though it sure looks like a direct feed video from the 9 inch set will probably need to be improvised for the best results

Hardly any tropo worthy of March this time. In fact, March 31 had a record low of 31 degrees, and it was also the record late date for any freeze here! When it has been getting warm (like into the 70's later that very same day), the humidities have been in the 20% or lower range. 73, Pat, WA5IYX

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CST

Equipment: See January 1987 Western TV-DX.

January 1987	6 tr 0120	KTVT	11 TX	640	5 tr 0431	WPIT	22 PA	550
5 tr 0800	WBMG	42 AL	575	(Over KPLR-11)	13 tr 0844	WFTS	28 FL	980
2200	OKC	14,34,43	510	0129	KRRT	35 TX	875	
2355	KXTX	39 TX	640	15 tr 0130	WPGH	53 PA	550	
	KTXA	21 TX	640	0131	=WPIT	22 PA	550	
6 tr 0001	=KTAJ	16 MO	225		March 1987			
0002	=KTXA	21 TX	640		20 tr 1816	WCCU	27 IL	125
(Then ID CB TP)				February 1987		(Testing)		
	5 tr 0400	WPGH	53 PA	550				

Not much DX so far this year, but there was one opening into deep Texas with KRRT-35 and another opening down into Florida with WFTS-28.

Congrats to Bill Draeb on seeing WIUM-22. Also sorry to see Jim Pizzi is leaving his great New Mexico DX location. Congrats to Jim on all his fine catches.

Also glad to hear that both Ralph Strobel and Nate Ely have new houses they like. Special thanks to Ye Editor for locating the elusive Cerro del Zamorano, Queretaro on a map. I doubt if KTAJ-16 is on full power as they were very weak. Their sign/off was only about a minute after WJZR's. No news yet on the promised video adapter for the Icom R-7000.

According to CHANNELS magazine, the go-go days of new independent UHF stations is now over, and according to FORBES, Home Shopping Club is in trouble due to a 15-20% product return rate by its customers plus they've greatly overextended themselves by buying so many UHF stations. Add to this the trouble that TV preachers are having \$\$\$wise, plus apparent failure (so far) of LPTV, and the UHF stations congestion situation looks pretty good for the foreseeable future. Station total now at 840. 73

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CST

Equipment: See February 1987 Western TV-DX.

January 1987	4 tr 2240	WNIT	34 IN	397	5 tr 0306	WEHSt	60 IL	
8 tr 0026	KDEB	27 MO	568	WSBT	22 IN	397	0502	@WIFR 23 IL 269
0027	KSNF	16 MO	586	WHME	46 IN	397	0511	WISht 8 IL
0030	KSPR	33 MO	568	2248	WCGV	24 WI	0514	WKARt 23 MI
13 tr 2323	W57AR	57 WI	139	5 tr 0004	WIVO	17 IL	0517	@WCGV 24 IL 272
(Sayner	WSAW-	7)			WTV	18 WI	0518	@WNIT 34 IN 337
	W16AC	16 WI	156	0006	WFLD	32 IL	0519	@WXM 17 MI 369
(Land O'Lakes SelectTV)					%WCIU	26 IL	0526	@WLUK 11 WI 218
14 tr 0033	WLUK	11 WI	218	0055	%WPWRt	50 IL	0540	@WVTV 18 WI 272
(Over KARE-11)					(Black square in center of CB)		0543	@WFIIt 20 IN
31 tr 0100	K22AC	22 MN	113	0120	WHMB	40 IN		(Too wk to read)
(Brainerd	KSTP-	5)		0121	WXIN	59 IN	0545	@WCIU 26 IL 337
	K26AC	26 MN	188	0139	%KDSM	17 IA	0548	WAOW 9 WI 131
(Bemidji	SelectTV)				WHO	13 LA	0602	WPNE 38 WI 218
0105	K20AC	20 MN	155	0306	WCFC	38 IL	0603	K41AD 41 IA 149
(Wadena	KSTP-	5)			WGB0	66 IL		(Lansing KYIN-24)
					W64AU	64 WI		K14AF 14 IA 147
February 1987				(Adams	SelectTV)		(Decorah	KYIN-24)
4 tr 2240	WNDU	16 IN	397					

I hope conditions aren't as dead elsewhere as they are here. It's been two months since February 5 and there's been absolutely no DX. La Crosse UHF's, which are usually watchable, have been "barely there" for the last three to four weeks! Can't wait for the season to start! 73, Mike

TV DX THIRTY YEARS AGO

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Reader comments appreciated!

MAY 6, 1957 Vol 4 Number 5 - The top of the nine-page mimeographed AIPA Bulletin had an "AIPA TV DX bullseye test pattern" followed by the slogan "AIPA Leads The Way." Newly re-elected president, Robert Seybold, in his front page editorial said DXers should look for these new stations in upcoming Es season: KTVI-2 MO, KVTI-2 NM, KDIX-2 NM, KOTI-2 OR, KTWO-2 WY, KTCA-2 MN, KPIC-4 OR, KNAC-5 AR, WRAL-5 NC, WCYB-5, CKMI-5 Que, KAVE-6 NM, CFCL-6 Ont., and KTVG-6 KS. Members requested to fill in an enclosed Equipment Compilation sheet to be used in future articles on the AIPA DXer and his equipment. Norm Erint, Don Middleton, and Sam Brooks are renewing; William Grant (MA) is a new member.

TECH NOTES - MS HINTS (King Schafer) - Since MS is weak, separate high and low band yagis are recommended with an antenna-mounted booster. Generally a cheap antenna at 50 ft is better than a great antenna at 30 ft. Point antenna in direction of your best tropo on a dead channel thought MS may come from another direction. Turn antenna near a weak fringe station as a 'kicker'; this will also help in adjusting fine tuning. Scatter may vary from 100 to 1200 miles. Mornings and before/after Es is frequently best time.

FCC NEWS (Art Collins, re-elected VP) - The military has asked President Eisenhower to turn over ch 2-6 frequencies to it. ABC-TV is transmitting vertical ID test signals in corners of screen. WDAU-22 PA and WBUF-17 NY to one megawatt. KTBC-7 TX with new 1137' tower; WBZ-4 MA now has highest tower in New England—1,349'. WNYT-29 NY set for August 1. Tornado blew down tower of KVSO-12 OK. Calls assigned—WLWI-13 IN (on in September), WANE-15 IN, and WEEQ-35 IL. KSWB-8 NM operating from world's tallest structure: 1610'.

In July a rocket from NM will spew gas into the air 70 miles high. A mass of electrified particles should reflect TV/radar waves in an attempt to revolutionize communications. This should benefit military—and DXers. KFAR-2 AK will test for AIPA. In Hawaii KMAU-3 and KGMB SO at 0900; KONA-2 and KULA-4 at 1330. New KTVI-2 MO SO 1300. Art says, "Where is the skip?"

METEOR SCATTER (Carl Lupton) - Lyrids had little effect on reports. Bob Seybold, NY, had 134 loggings including KTVI-2 MO, new. Art Collins and King Schafer, NY, tentatively IDed KEDY-4 TX during AIPA test, but the IHTP was different from what the station was using. King saw WCBS-2 NY 18 times. Doris Johnson, WA, logged, new, KXLY-4, WSAZ-3, and WLWC-4. Billy Draeb, WI, most distant was KRDL-4, 960 miles. Jerry Burch, AR, got 10 stations 67 times, mainly channel 2. MS in Buffalo excellent on channels 2-6 daily from 0130 to 0600; poor thereafter.

EASTERN DX (Bob Seybold) - Walter Spaulding, OH, logged WAIQ-2, new; he now has 30 veries. Norm Erint, NY, has logged 98 stations and has new stacked Winegard Colorceptors with power packs. Carl Lupton, IL, logged tropo to 320; totals now 186. Clarence Rareside, LA, had 500+ mile tropo on April 1 and 6 with log up to 69 (from 63). Ed Bourgeois, LA, got 550 mile tropo on April 2; his log stands at 170 with 18 UHF and 115 photos. Bob Seybold, NY, logged WAIQ-2, new, via Es on April 24 with 300+ mile tropo on April 30. Paul Swartz, OH, reported aurora on April 17-18; log at 114.

WESTERN DX (Bob Seybold) - Only ten reports; all short. Ed Shorey, KS, log at 151; Jerry Burch, AR, 154; Gene Webb, CA, just 8; Morris Foote, ID, 66; David Janowiak, WI, 89. Ed Hebb, OR, reported CBUT-2 as "regular tropo" at 260 miles. Hal Glick, N.W.T. reported double-hop CBFT-3 on April 3. Others reported Es on April 23-27.

CO-CHANNEL INTEFERENCE - Only one-third of members voted in election; board members are Bedford Brown, Jerry Burch, Frank Hill, Richard Lowery, Carl Lupton, and King Schafer. Unided loggings included Queen for a Day, Rin Tin Tin, "Fun Wagon" cartoons, and a Christmas play in April!

FEATURES

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This new column will emphasize people and news of personal interest to TV DXers which is not covered in other VUD columns. Stories will range from "Personality Profiles" to "DX Trivia." Since this is a column for you, your contributions and comments are desired and needed. Write to address above.

CNN HEADLINE NEWS - This official list of TV stations carrying CNN Headline News was supplied by CNN V. P., Robert Schuessler—it should help in IDing stations. With a few exceptions, stations can use CNN programming anytime they wish, up to a maximum of 4½ hours per day:

KADN-15 LA, KAIT-8 AR, KARK-4 AR, KASK-48 NM, KATN-? AK, KAUT-43 OK, KCST-39 CA, KCTV-5 MO, KDNL-30 MO, KFCB-? CA, KFSN-30 CA, KICU-36 CA, KIFI-8 ID, KIMO-13 AK, KIMT-3 IA, KKTU-11 CO, KMEG-14 IA, KMID-2 TX, KMOL-4 TX, KMSP-9 MN, KNXV-15 AZ, KOAT-7 NM, KOFY-? CA, KPNX-12 AZ, KSL-5 UT, KSPR-33 MO, KSWO-7 OK, KTIE-? CA, KTVB-7, KUSA-9 CO, KUSI-51 CA, KUSK-? AZ, KVBC-3 NV, KVOS-12 WA, KVUE-24 TX, KXLI-41 MN, KYFC-50 MO, K39AS IA, TV43 KY

WAPA-4 PR, WBMG-42 AL, WBNS-10 OH, WBOY-12 WV, WBSP-51 FL, WCIV-4 SC, WCVB-5 MA, WCVX-? MA, WEEK-25 IL, WEWS-5 OH, WFAA-8 TX, WFFT-55 IN, WFIE-14 IN, WFMZ-69 PA, WGBO-66 IL, WGGN-? OH, WHCT-38 CT, WIHT-31 MI, WKBD-50 MI, WKRG-5 AL, WLVI-56 MA, WLYH-15 PA, WNEG-32 GA, WNHT-? NH, WNE-31 VT, WOAC-67 OH, WOFL-35 FL, WOR-9 NY, WPNB-7 MI, WPEC-12 FL, WPXI-11 PA, WRAL-5 NC, WRSP-55 IL, WSAW-7 WI, WSB-2 GA, WSOC-9 NC, WTBS-17 GA, WTJC-? OH, WTLW-? OH, WTMJ-4 WI, WTSG-31 GA, WTTO-21 AL, WTVF-5 TN, WTVG-13 OH, WTVO-17 IL, WTZH-? MS, WVCY-? WI, WVIR-29 VA, WWSB-27 MS, WYFF-4 TN, W10AZ-10 VA, W54AF-54 OH.

DX TRIVIA - Name two U. S. cities which are 450 miles apart; they both: 1. have the same name, 2. have stations on the same UHF channel, 3. have a second TV station. HINTS: These cities are named for an historic European place. One of the four TV stations is located on "TV Road." The first DXer to write and give the name of the cities is the winner!

STATION DATA - Complete station personnel and address information is vital when writing for verification. The **CPB Public Broadcasting Directory** (1986-87 Edition, 120 pages) can be ordered for \$5 from: CPB, 1111 Sixteenth St, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Its geographical listing of public TV station includes: call, channel, location, state network headquarter, key personnel, type station, air date, power, and HAAT. Stations are also listed by call letters. Similar information is given for public radio stations.

Standard Rate and Data Service (SRDS) publishes a monthly **Spot Television Rates and Data**. It lists all commercial U.S. stations by state and city; details include call, channel, address, power, HAAT, operating hours, personnel (manager, not C.E.), network, plus extensive rate information which is no interest to DXers. Since this publication sells for \$226 per year, we suggest that you contact advertising agencies and media representatives in large cities — you might be able to obtain recent back issues from them at no charge.

RECORD LOGGINGS - Human are naturally competitive and DXers are not an exception! How many of us would continue indefinitely if we never got any new stations? We like to increase our totals and standings in Statistics listing. Have you ever wondered if you were the most distant person to log a far-off station? In requesting verification, do you ask if you were the most distance person to report reception? This new section will be devoted to the record receptions of UHF stations (possibly VHF in the future).

Please mail, by channel, a list of all UHF stations you have logged at 1000+ miles plus all loggings which the station states is a record. If one of your locals has never receive a verie request, then the temporary record would be 10 miles! List call, channel, date, distance, type verie, and if veried as a record.

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3/30 tr

0024 WESM 91.3 MD Princess Anne

First new catch in several months. With regard to value of having .05 mHz tuning capability versus normal .2, my totals would be about 15-20% less with out it. Could someone explain how selectivity is objectively measured? I know it is in db's, but how does a measurement of quantity or volume relate to a "quality" relationship? (The higher the no. in db's the better the selectivity. DB) Just returned from 4 days in WV. We visited some people who live on top of a mountain and while the little lady was inside socializing, I slipped out and checked out conditions on the car radio. Having only a couple of minutes, I scanned the dial, taking a "bulk" count of stations and came up with 50 or 55, only I had was Wheeling WV, 115 miles to north, clear as a bell. Am trying to swing a housesitting deal for the end of May when family vacations. Should be able to hit the magical 100 with directional equipment. Have any other members had any "high altitude" experiences? (Oh, my goodness, yes. I have DXed from the two highest mountain ranges in Oklahoma. For instance, while parked at the top of Mt. Scott, north of Lawton, heard from Little Rock, AR from darn over 350 miles away! DB) Also, I find best reception in most situations is with one rabbit ear vertical and other horz. is especially helpful in reducing, or do I mean increasing capture ratio to look for weaker station behind primary catch. And with indoor antenna, direction can be changed quickly and reception properties can be changed by merely sliding antenna across top of receiver or placing hand on it, especially the horizontal element. Putting one or both bars in the "v" position (45% to horz.) sometimes increases gain.

Matt Sittel, 220 Brookfield Dr., Kingsport, TN 37663 EST

Equipment: Sony STR-AV340, CM 1160 quantum at 34' AGL(1453' MSL), GE 7-4875A clock radio

3/10 tr 130

1952 WMIX 93.1 NC Winston-Salem, new calls

1954 WBFM 98.1 SC Seneca 124

1956 WUSY 100.7 TN Cleveland, k 168

1959 WXLK 92.3 VA Roanoke, ID "K-94" 158

3/12 gw

1455 WMYI 102.5 NC Hendersonville, \$ 75

(1st day one the air with test)

3/17 tr

0928 WSKZ 106.5 TN Chattanooga 186

3/28 tr

1751 WKZL 107.5 NC Winston-Salem, r 130

3/29 tr

1016 WDEF 92.3 TN Chattanooga, "Keep it 186

on EZ-92 for your easy listening."

1024 WUSY 100.7 TN Cleveland, k 168

Trops have been very simple, basic, common ones. But these haven't been very strong, either. A new 102.5 might destroy 102.5, 102.7 and 102.9 for DX purposes. I hope not! Also, I forgot to mention this DX note: 2/28 gw 1244 WVAH 99.9 WV Charleston 144. I overlooked it on my logs. Hope everyboy's getting FM Es by now! Best of DX to all. 73.

Pat Dyer, 5315 Silvertip Dr., San Antonio, TX 78228 CST

6/10 Es (1986)

1016 WMCut 89.7 FL Miami, g 1150

1017 WCVU 94.5 FL Naples, ID 1050

1023 WAIL 95.5 FL Key West 1090

WEYN 92.5 FL Key West, ad

1027 WPDS 93.3 FL Tampa, ad 985

1051 WYNF 94.9 FL Tampa, "95-YNF"

1053 WRMF 97.9 FL Palm Beach, ads 1150

1057 WQWt 92.3 FL Hialeah, Sp. 1150

1059 WRMB 89.7 FL Boynton Beach, ID 1150

1106 WQLM 92.7 FL Punta Gorda, ad 1020

1108 WIRK 107.9 FL West Palm Beach, ID 1145

1114 WCDR 99.1 FL Miami, local ad 1150

1115 WQSt 99.9 FL Boca Raton 1150

1119 WGYL 93.5 FL Vero Beach, k 1110

1121 WYNL 94.9 FL Fort Myers, al 1040

1124 WRGI 93.5 FL Naples, CO95 1050

1127 WKSJ 96.7 FL Jupiter, ID, EL 1145

1141 WLRnt 91.3 FL Miami, j 1150

1142 WDVV 95.5 FL Fort Peirce, ID 1115

1148 WRIT 92.7 FL Stuart, ID 1125

1152 WOKD 98.3 FL Arcadia, ads, OK98 1065

1157 WVFM 94.1 FL Lakeland, local ad 1010

1211 apx f/outs

6/10 Es

1331 WYFL 92.5 NC Henderson, g, ID 1255

1428-1430 unIDs 88.5, 88.9

ms

1434 WFBQ 94.7 IN Indianapolis, Q-95 995

(1700-2115 at committee meeting for my 20

year high school reunion!)

2115 unIDs 106.5+

2128 WIVK 107.7 TN Knoxville, ID 990

(2130, 144-MHz Es to Chattanooga, TN, spotty)

2146 WVO 106.1 OH Mansfield, ID 1180

2152 WLEL 105.9 FL De Land, area wx 1040

2200 WEMM 107.9 WV Huntington, WV ad 1100

2202 WMJC 94.7 MI Birmingham, ID 1235

2203 WCZY 95.5 MI Detroit, ID 1225

2218 WMLW 94.1 WI Watertown, ad 8 1090

2222 KLSS 106.1 IA Mason City, wx 985

2223 WMT 96.5 IA Cedar Rapids, wx 945

2227 WILV 94.9 WI Baraboo, ID 1085

2229 KSTP 94.5 MN St. Paul, lcl wx 1110

2230 KTIS 98.5 MN Minneapolis, ID 1110

2233 KKJR 107.1 MN Hutchinson, ID 1090

2234 KKWS 105.9 MN Wadena, area ad 1190

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6/10 Es

2241 WHLZ 92.5 SC Manning, ID 1110
 2248 WQDRt 94.7 NC Raleigh, k 1230
 2259 KFNW 97.9 ND Fargo, ID 1200
 2303 KQDY 94.5 ND Bismarck, area wx 1200
 2357 WDEK 29.5 IL De Kalb, ID 1020

6/11 Es

0000 WAAG 94.9 IL Galesburg, ID 915
 0001 unID 105.7 (MUF)
 0012 KYOU 92.5 CO Greeley, ID 830
 0018 KQRS 92.5 MN Golden Valley, ad 1110
 0025 spotty to 0040 f/outs
 0800 WMCU 89.7 FL Miami, g, area psa 1150
 0801 WFFN 92.5 FL Key West, ID 1090
 0813 WNGI 93.5 FL Naples, area ad 1050
 0823 WHYI 100.7 FL Ft. Lauderdale, psa 1150
 0837 WFCJt 93.7 OH Miamisburg, g 1070
 G---t 93.5 Cuba Santa Clara, Sp. 1270
 0838 WINK 96.9 FL Ft. Myers, local ad 1040
 0844 WTTS 92.3 IN Bloomington, ID 950
 0853 WTPI 107.9 IN Indianapolis, ID 995
 0905 WWNY 104.9 IN Columbus, ID 1050
 0911 WAKWt 93.3 OH Cincinnati, g 1035
 WNS 98.7 IL Springfield, ID 870
 0915 WJFM 93.7 MI Grand Rapids, Joy-FM 1175
 0916 WGFA 94.1 IL Watseka, ID 985
 0917 WBGt 97.7 IL Effingham, g 870
 0921 WFMT 98.7 IL Chicago, ID 1045
 WYCAT 92.3 IN Hammond, g 1040

(0924, 144-MHz Es to FL; brief)

0948 KOKZ 105.7 IA Waterloo, ID 960
 0950 ITOI 108.9 AL Troy (ILS) [20 w.] 765
 0956 WDSY 107.9 PA Pittsburgh, ID 1280
 0958 KLSS 106.1 IA Mason City, city ID 985
 0959 WOVK 98.7 WV Wheeling, ID 1240
 1001 WPAY 104.1 OH Portsmouth, ID 1095
 1004 WNCT 107.9 NC Greenville, area ad 1295
 1005 WZNY 105.7 GA Augusta, Sunny 105 1010
 1011 WBCK 95.7 WI Milwaukee, ID 1100
 1014 WQDR 94.7 NC Raleigh, ID 1230
 1018 WYAV 104.1 SC Conway, ID, r 1175
 1021 WCLA 107.1 GA Claxton, ID 1000
 (1024-1200, 144-MHz Es to GA, NC SC, AL)
 1221 WRDU 106.1 NC Wilson, ID 1265
 1222 WWOK 105.7 NC Columbia, OK 106 1360
 (1228-1300, 144-MHz Es to NC)

1233 WSTS 96.5 NC Laurinburg 1165
 1244 WSPA 98.9 SC Spartanburg, ad 1035
 1250 WMSQ 104.9 NC Havelock, ad 1315
 1252 WKLX 93.3 NC Washington, ID 1335
 WRNst 95.1 NC Kinston, k 1275
 1255 WPEG 97.9 NC Concord, ID 1120
 1300 WKTC 104.3 NC Tarboro, ID 1290
 (1307-1314, 144-MHz Es Chesapeake Pen., VA)
 1321 WRVQ 94.5 VA Richmond, r, !-94 1325
 1325 WTQR 104.1 NC Winston-Salem, ID 1150
 1327 WPVR 94.9 VA Roanoke, ads 1195
 1329 WKLM 94.5 NC Eden, Classy-95 1180
 1356 WLTT 94.7 MD Bethesda 1375
 1405 WXLK 92.3 VA Roanoke, local wx 1195

WAMUT 88.5 DC Washington, bluegrass 1385
 soon f/outs after 6+ hours!

1543-1550 WMNft 88.5 FL Tampa 985
 1658 WFDDt 88.5 NC Winston-Salem 1150
 1705 WRVlt 92.5 NC Henderson, g 1255
 1716 WTEBt 89.5 NC New Bern 1305
 1719 WRVQ 94.5 VA Richmond, local ad 1325
 1729 WPRV 94.9 VA Roanoke, EL, ID, wx 1195
 1737 WTFM 98.5 TN Kingsport, ID 1045
 1739 WTNJ 105.9 WV Mount Hope, k 1150
 1740 WXIS 103.9 TN Erwin, k, ads 1035

6/11 Es

1743 WMYG 96.9 PA Braddock, area ad 1290
 1744 WTQR 104.1 NC Winston-Salem, lcl ad 1150
 1745 WNUSt 107.1 OH Belpre, k, ID 1175
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 1749 KWIC 107.9 TX Beaumont, area ad 275
 Es
 1749 WDSY 107.9 PA Pittsburgh, local ad 1280
 (1755, VOR's)
 1759 WPAY 104.1 OH Portsmouth, ID 1095
 WQAL 104.1 OH Cleveland, ID 1250
 1823 WCMQt 92.3 FL Hialeah, Sp. 1150
 1831 WMCUt 89.7 FL Miami, g 1150
 1852 WFBQt 94.7 IN Indianapolis 975
 1853 WTTS 92.3 IN Bloomington, local ad 950
 CJBX 92.7 ON London, k, "BX-93" 1335
 1859 WWEZ 92.5 OH Cincinnati, ID 1035
 1901 WKJQ 92.5 OH Alliance, lcl ad, r 1255
 1902 WHBC 94.1 OH Canton, area wx 1235
 1909 WKSUt 89.7 OH Kent, c 1255
 1933 apx f/outs

6/12 Es

0728-0737 unIDs 88-89 (spotty)
 0800 WBNI 89.1 IN Fort Wayne, town ID 1095
 0801 WAJI 95.1 IN Ft. Wayne, ID 1095
 0802 WBCL 90.3 IN Fort Wayne, local psa 1095
 0814 WDCRt 88.5 IA Sioux Center 945
 0817 WOW 94.1 NE Omaha (59 AM) 830
 0819 WDCZ 95.1 IL Decatur, local ad 895
 0820 WGFA 94.1 IL Watseka, ID 985
 0822 KKRC 93.5 SD Sioux Falls, ID 975
 0843 KELO 92.5 SD Sioux Falls, ID 975
 0846 WILVt 94.9 WI Baraboo, EL 1085
 WXXQt 98.5 IL Freeport, r 1000
 0848 WXLp 96.9 IL Moline, ID, ads 940
 0849 KHAKt 98.1 IA Cedar Rapids 945
 0850 KCCK 88.3 IA Cedar Rapids, ID
 0852 WMLW 94.1 WI Watertown, ID 1090
 sull to
 0905 KEYA 88.5 ND Belcourt, ID 1335
 lull again to
 0927 WDAYt 93.7 ND Fargo 1200
 0029 KQDY 94.5 ND Bismarck, town ID 1200
 0930-1018 spotty 88-92

6/14 Es

0909 KKRC 93.5 SD Sioux Falls, local ad 975
 0911 KKOK 95.7 MN Morris, local ads 1125
 0912 KQAAt 94.9 SD Aberdeen, r 1100
 0914 KDLO 96.9 SD Watertown, ID 1070
 0915 KNEN 94.7 NE Norfolk, lcl psa's 870
 spotty to
 0953 KQDYt 94.5 ND Bismarck, k 1200

6/15 Es

0859 KMFR 88.9 ND Minot, ND wx 1300
 2 other tentative from same area
 1308 KSDYt 95.1 MT Sidney, k 1295
 1314 KQDY 94.5 ND Bismarck, k "KQ-94" 1200
 3 other tentative from ND
 1337 apx f/outs
 1637 KNAUT 88.7 AZ Flagstaff 855
 1649 KKFR 92.3 AZ Glendale, r, ID 840
 1658 KJZZ 91.5 AZ Phoenix, j, ID 835
 1700 KMEO 96.9 AZ Phoenix, EL, ID
 1714 XHMMPt 92.3 BCN Mexicali, Sp., r 1010
 1720 KDKB 93.3 AZ Mesa, area ad 820
 1721 KOOL 94.5 AZ Phoenix, ID 835
 soon f/outs

6/18 Es

1004 WYFL 92.5 NC Henderson, nx, ID 1255
 1008 WSPat 98.9 SC Spartanburg, EL 1035
 (1009, very little on TV!)

CONT. NEXT MONTH

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COME TO THE WTFDA CONVENTION

JULY 31 to August 2, 1987

Place: Esko MN—Home of the FM Atlas Publishing Co. and FMedia! Much of the convention activity will be centered on our 35-acre property located 22 km WSW of Duluth MN, in Carlton County, with WKLK-FM 100.9 the closest local.

Time: Plan to arrive any time on Friday, July 31, by plane, car, bus or boat—all roads lead to Duluth. There will be a kick-off catered meal that Friday evening and a full day of activity Saturday, Aug. 1. Here's a chance to meet other DXers and renew friendships. By Sunday afternoon, you'll be on your way again, with all the excitement of another WTFDA convention behind you. You may want to stay in the area longer and enjoy its media and its beauty.

Accommodations: We've reserved a block of rooms at each of two motels nearby. The choices are: Scot Wood Motel in Cloquet MN, just seven miles from the convention site. Rates \$29.65 single, \$36.95 two people, two beds; \$39.95 for four people, two beds. Write them at Highway 33 and Big Lake Road, Cloquet MN 55720; (800) 426-7070. The other motel is Spirt Motor Inn, and that is in the direction of Duluth, also about seven miles from us. Their prices are the same as for the Scot Wood. Write them at 9315 West Gate Blvd., Duluth MN 55810; (218) 628-3691.

It is very necessary to have reservations in early! This area is quite a tourist place, and there are no rooms available if one just shows up expecting to find motels or hotels (although one poorer-quality hotel said they do often have vacancies, and we can refer late-comers there). You can write or call either of these motels and reserve your room. Tell them it is for the WTFDA convention, and use our name (Elving).

What to do: This area of northern Minnesota offers something for everyone. There are summer sports of all kinds and oodles of gorgeous scenery, including Duluth's famed skyline drive, with excellent FM reception from WI (if you try it out in a bend where the locals are not too strong). Plan to make a vacation trip along with the convention activities.

Tentative convention activities or topics: flea market, where you can buy or sell; literature exchange; "beyond DXing" and how to make money with your hobby; club politics hauled into the open in a closing free-for-all session Sunday; find the clones on your FM dial; explore the inner workings of the FM Atlas publishing and electronics endeavors; bring your tuner for side-by-side comparison tests (time permitting), or for modification.

REGISTRATION. The registration fee of \$30—which can be sent in any time now—we will need to know how many to plan for. This includes the sessions, a chance to get in on the flea market, refreshments as well as Friday and Saturday night meals. Meals can be purchased separately if there are family members who just want to attend one or both of the meals. Both motels are located near family-type restaurants, such as Perkins and Country Kitchen.

If you wish to bring your family, they will be most welcome. There is lots of sight-seeing, good summertime recreation, a zoo, excursion rides in the Duluth-Superior harbor and on Lake Superior.

One note to the wise: Bear in mind that northern Minnesota can be delightfully cool in the summer, so plan to tuck a jacket, sweater or sweatshirt (with radio or TV station logo?) into your luggage. USE THIS COUPON, or copy it:

I (we) are coming to the WTFDA convention in Esko MN.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ How many in party? _____

Planned day and time of arrival: _____

Method of transportation and if you need a ride from Duluth airport or Cloquet bus station _____

If driving, mention if you can take another DXer along, sharing expenses, or if you need a ride mention that. Watch for more details next month. Remember to register early!

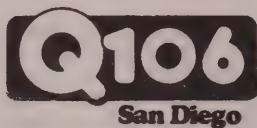


FM NEWS

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New Station, Translator Grants (selected)

AL Andalusia 104.7 3000 h.v; 100 m
AK Kenai *91.9 4400 watts h[orizontal] and v[ertical], 42 meters above average terrain
AZ Riviera (I think that's the correct spelling; ZIP Code Directory has it that way, but FCC lists it as "Riviera"; it's not on my Rand McNally) K237CK 95.3 (KMDX translator); check FM Atlas for Riviera's location K280DD 103.9 (KEYV 93.1 Las Vegas)
CO Breckenridge K224BU 92.7 (KYSL 92.1 Frisco; see "Call Letters" below)
CO Buena Vista-Salida K261CB 100.1 (KRMH-FM 93.5 Leadville)
GA Sparta 97.7 3000 h.v; 100 m
HI Hilo 92.7 3000 h.v; minus 178 meters
ID St. Anthony K210AT *89.9 (KCIR 90.7 Twin Falls)
ID Wallace 100.7 44000 h.v; 849 m
IA Fairfield *90.5 3000 h.v; 100 m, IA Community Radio, Inc. [Beaumont TX]
LA Lake Charles K220BU *91.9 (KVLU 91.3/MN Slayton 103.1 3000 h.v; 82 m
MS Holly Springs *88.1 3000 h.v; 100 m./
MS Macon 100.5 3000 h.v; 100 m
NM Santa Fe K244CX 96.7 (KHFM 96.3 Albuquerque NM, another of Mike Brasher's translators—he's the mysterious operator of K240BL 95.9 Albuquerque, which apparently cannot pick up primary KISZ-FM Cortez CO. Brasher works at KANW Albuquerque)
NY Webster *89.3 1000 h.v; 23 m, Mars Hill Broadcasting; delete W292AH there, since new station will presumably duplicate the translator
ND Dickinson *89.5 12500 h.v; 150 m, Prairie Public Broadcasting
OK Hennessey K292DX 106.3 (KJIL 104.9 Bethany)
PA Nanticoke *89.1 100 h.v; minus 116 m, Luzerne County Community College
TX Lubbock K249CD 97.7 (KUFO 104.7 Lamesa)
WA Royal City K213AX *90.5 (KMBI-FM 107.9 Spokane) [101.7 St. Mary's]
WV Harrisville W265AL 100.9 (WRRR/
WY Lost Cabin (43-24-55; 107-27-08) 99.1 100000 h.v; 396 m,
PQ Drummondville 92.1 3000 h.v; r[ock] format, "with all-night programming from CHOI FM Quebec City"
PQ St-Hyacinthe 106.5 3000 h.v; CKBS
PQ Sorel CJSO 101.7 3000 h.v; "the FM replaces the AM station, which has been experiencing technical problems, Group 1 programming" (rock?)
Call Letters Assigned (Selected)
AL Jasper 102.5 WZBQ-FM (WZBQ; AM is in Tuscaloosa), "Z-102," r
AL Montgomery 103.3 WREZ-FM
AR Fort Smith 100.9 KBBQ (from KFPW-FM), r (oldies)
AR Pine Bluff 94.9 KZLR (KADL), rp, adds Little Rock ID [be g[ospel]]
AR Mountain Home *91.3 KCMH, to/
CA Desert Center 102.3 KZAL (KORS)
CA Greenacres *88.3 KAXL
CA Los Osos-Baywood Park 101.3 KLZZ (KEDZ), facilities change to 458 m (4800 h.v)
CA Roseville-Sacramento 93.5 KRXQ (KDJO), rp, "93-Rock"
CA San Diego 106.5 KKLO-FM (KKLO), "Q-



106," r (CHR)
CA Santa Cruz 99.1 KLRS (KSCO-FM), "Colors 99.1," jr ("new age" music)
CA Turlock 98.3 KMIX-FM (KMIX)
CO Frisco 92.1 KYSL
CO Grand Junction 92.3 KVEE-FM (KVEE; affects 18 translators)
FL Green Cove Springs 92.7 WPDQ (WSVE), still s[oul], adds Jacksonville ID
FL Miami Beach 94.9 WZTA (WINZ-FM), "Zeta-94," rp
FL Orlando 96.5 WHTQ (WHOO-FM), rp
HI Kailua-Kona 93.5 KLUK (KHJM)
IL Kankakee 99.9 WBUS (WBSW), now missing "The Bus?"
IL Rock Island 98.9 WPXR-FM (WHBF-FM), "Power-98.9"
IN Madison 96.7 WORX-FM (WCJC)
IA Des Moines *91.3 WDFR (not KDFR; FCC list confirms use of "W," helping to erode the K-W Mississippi River artificial distinction; I wrote FCC in favor of this rule's change)
IA Onawa 102.3 KOOO (KBAO)
KS Hutchinson *91.5 KFRK
KS North Newton *88.1 KBCU
MI Atlanta 92.5 WYKY
MI Birmingham 94.7 WCSX (WMJC), "Classic Rock," fate of well-known dj Alan Almond, who had the night show on WMJC, not announced [AM has new calls]
MI Cadillac 92.9 WOLW (WXYB)
MI St. Johns 92.1 WLNZ-FM (WLNZ-FM; /
MI Sebawaing 103.9 WMMI, to be \$, g
MS Gulfport 107.1 WXL (WZKX)
MS Marion 103.1 WQIC-FM (AM is in Meridian MS), to be s[oul]
MS Meridian 101.3 WJDD-FM (WJDD)
MS Poplarville 107.9 WZKX (WQLC)
MO Branson *88.1 KLFC
MO Mountain Grove 92.7 KRFI-FM (KLRS-FM)
MT Hamilton 95.9 KBMG (KLQY-FM)
NE Lincoln 95.3 KLDZ (KJLJ)
NJ Dover Township *91.1 WKTW
NJ Hazlet *89.3 WCNJ (WVRM); affects 2 translators
NM Los Alamos 98.5 KKBR (not KBOM) 107.1 KBOM (KPZA), "K-Boom"
NY Boonville 101.5 WBRV-FM
NY Herkimer 92.7 WYUT-FM (WYUT; AM was WLIR, while WLIR-FM remains in Garden City NY)
NY Hyde Park 97.7 WCXZ (WJJB)
NY Oswego 101.7 WQXT (WQWT)
NC Columbia 105.7 WRSF (WWOK)
NC Hendersonville 102.5 WKQL (WMYI)
NC Reidsville 102.1 WBIG (WMMO), k
NC Williamston 103.7 WKKE (WPMG)
NC Winston-Salem 93.1 WMQX-FM (WSEZ), r
ND Valley City 100.9 KOVC-FM (KFRM)
OH Mount Vernon 93.7 WQIO (WMVO-FM)
OK Lawton 94.3 KQLI
PA Philadelphia 106.1 WEGX (WTRK), "Eagle"
PA Punxsutawney 105.5 WPXZ-FM (WPXZ-FM; AM has different calls)
PA Tamaqua 105.5 WMGH (WCRN), r, "Magic"
RI Westerly 103.7 WWRX (WERI-FM), rp
SC Goose Creek 94.3 WWHF-FM (WLNB-FM; AM is in Charleston SC)

SC Ravenel 101.7 WMGL (WFXR), s[format]
SC Saluda 92.1 WJRQ (WSBP); 3000 h.v (100 m) ["Rebel-100"]
TN Franklin 100.1 WWRB (WLRQ-FM); rp/
TX Amarillo 94.1 KDJW-FM (KBUY-FM)
TX Big Spring 95.3 KWKI-FM (KWKI); nonLD
TX Luling 94.7 KAPT (KCWR), 446 m (100000 h.v); rm, not known if Stereo
TX Ozone 94.3 KYXK (KRKT)
TX Sonora 92.1 KHOS-FM (KHOS)
TX Terrell Hills 106.7 KMMX (KESI), "K-Mix"
UT Salt Lake City 98.7 KCPX-FM (KCPX-FM)
VT Rutland *88.7 WRVT
VA South Boston 97.5 WJLC-FM (not changing to WPHR-FM)
VA Strasburg 104.9 WESI (not WL.SL)
VA Virginia Beach 94.9 WJQI-FM (WNRN)
WA Pullman 99.5 KPMP
WA Richland 106.5 KOTY-FM (KHWK), k
WA Yakima 99.3 KAJR-FM (KAJR-FM)
WV Wheeling 97.3 WEEL-FM (WKWK-FM); AM is in Fairfax VA; b format
WI Racine 100.7 WHBT (WRKR-FM), "Heart-beat 101," but always mentioned with call letters, r, "a bunch of rock music, which I suspect is called adult contemporary"
VI Charlotte Amalie 101.1 WCWI (WSTT)
Facilities Changes Granted (Selected)
AZ Phoenix KJZZ *91.5 486 m (100000 h.v)
CA Santa Barbara KTYD 99.9 34000 h.v (390 m), apparently qualifying for super-maximum coverage, despite being in a zone limited to 50 kw at 150 m
CO Castle Rock KADX 92.1 187 m (820 watts h.v) [(3000 h.v)
CO Ouray KURA 104.9 minus 848 m/
FL Key West WFTN 92.5 184 m (100000 h.v); not to go to 92.3; change your FM Atlas reference accordingly
WQZN 98.7 302 m (100000 h.v)
FL Macclenny WJXR 92.1 100 m (3000 h.v)
FL West Palm Beach WEAT-FM 104.3 56000 h.v (381 m), directional [h.v]
GA Augusta WQUS-FM 102.3 100 m (3000/
GA Savannah WZAT 102.1 403 m (100000 h.v)
GA Valdosta WAFT 101.1 100000 h.v; -125 m
HI Honolulu 100.3 (new) 100000 h.v; -125 m
ID Idaho Falls K211BD *90.1 (from K204AX 88.7)
IL Romeoville WLRA *88.1 mentions Romeoville on the hour; Lockport at sign off, so I am continuing to list it as licensed to Romeoville
KY Murray WAAW 103.7 has v[ertical]
KY Pippa Passes WOAL *91.7 900 h.v; 162 m
LA Varnado WBOX-FM 92.7 98 m (3000 h.v)
MA Lynn WFNX 101.7 1650 h.v; 134 m
MA Worcester WCHC *88.1 (from 89.1) 100 w (vertical only); -2 m
MS McComb WAKH 105.7 331 m (100000 h.v)
MO St. Louis KEZK 102.5 313 m (100000 h.v)
MT Billings KEMC *91.7 100000 h.v; 158 m
NV Henderson KMZQ 100.5 327 m (100000 h.v)
NV Reno KSXY 101.7 "ordered from 272A" by FCC, even though it may initially have operated on 102.3
NM Farmington K292CA 106.3 (from K296DL 107.1), ref. last month. It will not move to 107.1, "according to licensee. Apparently KRQS Pagosa Springs CO had complained of interference."
NY Batavia WGGC *90.7 900 h.v; 42 m
NY Brockport WBSU *89.1 (from 88.9) 7300 h.v; 53 m

FCC-FM

NY Lowville WLLG 99.3 1000 h.v; 171 m
 NY Utica WUNY *89.5 6250 h.v; 237 m
 NC High Point WOJY 100.3 316 m (100000 h.v)
 ND Minot KHHT 97.1 100000 h.v; 300 m
 OH Castalia WGGN 97.7 640 h.v; 221 m
 OH Cleveland WCLV 95.5 no directional antenna
 WNCX 98.5 16000 h.v; 293 m
 OH London WCKX 106.3 100 m (3000 h.v)
 OK Alva KTTL 94.3 100 m (3000 h.v)
 OR Hermiston KQFM 99.3 91 m (3000 h.v)
 OR Portland KKRZ 100.3 438 m (100000 h.v; see Jan., p. 8, col. 3)
 PA Bellwood WALY 103.9 310 h.v; 300 m, "Wally 104," r ("uptempo adult contemporary"); embraces stereophony
 PA Jenkintown WJBF-FM 103.9 340 h.v (305 m), monophonic
 SC Charleston WSSX 95.1 300 m (100000 h.v)
 TN Jefferson City WJFC-FM 99.3 100 m (3000 h.v)
 TN Memphis WRVR-FM 104.5 300 m (100000 h.v)
 TN Milan WYNU 92.3 302 m (100000 h.v)
 TX Harlingen KELT 94.5 362 m (100000 h.v)
 KIIWV 96.1 304 m (100000 h.v)
 TX Lubbock K221CX 92.1 (from K249BQ 97.7; also see "New Stations" above)
 TX Marshall KMHT-FM 103.9 1850 h.v; 129 m
 VT Waterbury WGLY 103.1 1100 h.v; 163 m, monaural
 VA Chester WQYL 92.1 100 m (3000 h.v)
 WI Milladore WGNV *88.5 23000 h.v; 178 m
 WA Mount Vernon KSVR *90.1 100 w horizontal only; minus 49 meters
 ON London CHRW 94.7 5000 h.v (55 m)
 ON Nipigon-Red Rock CFNO- 100.7 (from 103.7, not yet on air)
 ON Parry Sound CKLP 103.3 2500 h.v
 PQ Chissibi (formerly Fort-George), affects CBFE 103.5 and CBMP 105.1
 PQ Waskwachikamach (renamed Indian village—nearby Schefferville abandoned), affects FM relayers on 89.3 and 106.9
 PQ Keyano (from Camp LG-4), CKBJ-1 98.1 and CHLG-1 100.1
 PQ Sakami (from Camp LG-3) CKBJ-98.5 and CHLG 100.5
 PQ Waskaganish (from Fort Rupert) CBFH 103.5 and CBMQ 105.1
 PQ Weminji (from Nouveau Comptoir) CBFW 103.5 and CBMW 105.1
 Canada mystery: CFBS FM Blanc Sablon PQ listed as applying for power increase to 25 watts; I wonder if this is the same station as the 1-watter listed without calls for St-Augustin on 90.1?

Format Changes

Abbreviations are the same as in the "FM Atlas"

AL York WSLY 99.3 s
 CA Santa Cruz KCLB *91.9 gr
 FL Lakeland WCIE *91.1 gr, "adult contemporary"
 FL Melbourne WMMY 102.3 r, "Y-102"
 GA Newnan WWER 96.7 still s, "although more black oldies (Motown, etc.) than urban contemporary."
 HI Kealahou KOAS 92.1 rp (from b)
 ID Boise KCIX 105.9 r, "K-106" (strict)
 IL Cahokia WRTF *89.5 r, adds Stereo, "heard with KCFV in SW Madison county IL (Granite City area)"
 IL Chillicothe WBZM 94.3 b (from k[country])
 IL Columbia WCBW 104.9 gr, "contemporary Christian"
 IL Rockford WQFL 100.9 gr, "adult contemporary," with artists like Amy Grant, Petra, and the Imperials
 IL Springfield WNNs 98.7 r, no nonID
 KY Mayfield WXID 94.7 k
 ME Boothbay Harbor WCME 96.7 b
 ME Lincoln WLNK-FM 99.3 r
 MD Ocean City WOCO 103.9 rs
 MD Princess Anne WESM *91.3 js

Watch out WMUC, WJTM's Gonna Get You!

MA Boston WMRQ 103.3 jr, jazz, "new age music" and soft rock
 MI Detroit WLTI 93.1 mr (Transtar 41), "W-Lite"
 WOMC 104.3 rm, with "many oldies"; "Music Now" nonID
 MI Otsego-Kalamazoo WQXC 100.9 r (CHR), "Quixie-101" (not strict)
 MI Whitehall-Muskegon WKBZ-FM 95.3 rt, talk 9 p. m. to 5 a. m. (Mutual feed), in "stereo-phony"
 MN Cloquet WKLK-FM 100.9 rm, with Sunday afternoon ethnic and polka
 MN Grand Rapids KHNS 96.9 r
 MS Bay Springs WXII 93.5 r (oldies)
 MO St. Louis KTAD *88.1 to be e[thnic] "if it ever comes on"
 KSD 93.7 rumored to be going rp, "still r (AC)"
 KADI 96.3 mr, Format 41
 MO Marshall KMMO-FM 102.9 k
 NE Kearney KSCV *91.3 cr (classical and rock)
 NV Reno KIIQ 104.5 k, affects 8 translators
 NY New York WRKS 98.7 s, "they're giving up on the crossover crowd, which WQHT has captured, and devoting themselves to the black and hispanic market"
 OH Elyria WBEA 107.3 rp, "Z-Rock," ID with Cleveland?
 OH Greenville WDRK 106.5 r (oldies, no more country), still "K-106"
 OR Pendleton KRBK *90.9 cp, "breaks away from the other OPB stations weeknights 8 to midnight for programs of album-rock DJed by students at Blue Mountain Community College"; not known if stereo
 PA Canton WKAD 100.1 k
 SC Ravenel-Charleston WFXR 101.7 s
 TX Bastrop KSSR 107.1 r (oldies)
 TX Houston KRBE 104.1 sr, "Power 104," with about half of current playlist being "urban"
 TX Lufkin KYKS 105.1 r
 TX Pasadena-Houston KKBQ-FM 92.9 rs
 TX Refugio KZTX 106.3 m, "adult standards"
 TX San Angelo KELI 98.7 b[eautiful] music
 TX Tyler KROZ 92.1 rp
 UT Ogden KKAT 101.9 k
 UT Salt Lake City KISN 97.1 r, affects 10 translators, one of which, K228AB 93.5, is in Upper Bear River WY, not Evanston
 WA Bellingham KUGS *89.3 p, monophonic
 KISM 92.9 r, "they dropped album rock back in 1983"
 WA Seattle KCMU *90.3 (having just moved from 90.5) p, but mono
 WV New Martinsville WATQ 103.9 r, "Q-104"
 WI Oshkosh WAHC 96.7 k
 BC Vancouver CKKS 96.9 rj, "adult contemporary with 15 hours per week of jazz fusion"
 ON Windsor CKLW-FM 93.9 r, "oldies, but 20% b to meet CRTC" program format requirements
 BN Mexicali XHSOL 89.9 sr

Stereo, or to be Stereo

CO Farmington KTRA 102.1 k
 IL South Jacksonville WJVO 105.5
 ME Belfast WAFX 104.7, ID with Bangor-Ellsworth, "The Fox"
 ME Caribou WCKU 97.7 rk
 NY Pulaski WSCP-FM 101.7
 SD Reliance KPLO-FM 94.5 k, dual ID with KDL O-FM 96.9 Watertown SD
 OR Bend KNLN 97.5, affects 2 translators, including K24 OBN The Dalles, 95.9
 AB Edmonton CJSR *88.5 pj, "separate rock, jazz programs" [FM]
 WA Pasco KEYW 98.3, "Key-98, Gourmet"
 BC Mount Timothy CFFM-1 99.1 and Quesnel 94.9
 BC Terrace CFW 103.1 and CFW-2 Prince Rupert 101.9
 BC Vancouver CTR *101.9 p, with "alternative/college rock, reggae and dance-

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funk"
 BC Victoria CFUV *105.1 p, "alternative/college rock, heavy metal and a Lit of ethnic and classical programming"
 BC Williams Lake CFFM 97.5
 ON Orangeville CIDC 103.5, heard testing, "DC 103," rm (lite rock, was to have begun "around Easter")
 NOT IN STEREO
 CO Silverton KDFM 103.7 now k format; "this station was stereo when it first moved from 103.9 to 103.7, but the multipath was too much with the new antenna site and power"; affects 1 translator
 NT Hay River CKHR 107.3

Deletions

AL Florence W252AD 98.3, the "new" WKDF 103.3 Nashville TN translator (grant must have been an FCC error)
 CA San Luis Obispo KSLP *88.3, denied request for extension of time
 FL Apalachicola 105.5, grant rescinded; back to application status; meanwhile its original calls, WBFI, granted to McDaniels KY *91.5
 KY Bowling Green WKEM *91.7, application denied for CP to replace expired construction permit
 ME Camden WMFT 102.5, "application denied for extension of time"
 MD Riverside W292AD 106.3
 NM Farmington K272BK 102.3, forced off because of new KTRA 102.1 coming on the air (see "Stereo," above)
 NY Webster W292AH (see "New Stations Granted (Selected)," above)
 ND Dickinson K208AF *89.5, displaced by full-power station on *89.9 (see "New Stations" above)
 ON Brockville CBOB 103.3 had been listed as licensed, and never on the air, so consider this phantom station, on a prime U. S. border frequency, deleted
 PQ Brissay CKBJ-6 93.1, as well as CHLG-6 95.1 [as CKBJ-4 96.1]
 PQ Camp Chaumont *95.1, as well/
 PQ Camp Fontage 93.1 CKBJ-7
 PQ Camp LG-1 CHLG-8 95.1
 PQ Camp Mirage 95.1
 PQ Eastmain 105.1 CHLG-4
 PQ Gagnon 98.1 and CFJO 104.1, "town abandoned"
 PQ Laforce 95.1 CHLG-7; article in "Broadcast Technology" magazine says Club Socail La Grande has closed eight broadcast facilities which served Hydro Quebec construction camps in the James Bay area. Also assumed to be deleted are non-Socail La Grande stations in those camps, including the two Gagnon stations

Off Air, or Not Yet On

AK Delta Junction KDZC 93.5
 GA McDonough WMVV *90.7
 IN Winamac WOTD 100.1
 NH Hinsdale WYRY 104.9
 TX San Antonio KURU *89.1
 VA Lorton WDCJ *88.1, "I thought it had been deleted. Gave up trying for them years ago. Don't think they ever came on." To be run by the federal prison, and WJTM *88.1 Frederick says it will not object to this station coming on, but WJTM plans to fight WMUC *88.1 College Park MD. "We will get WMUC shut down, if it does not move to *87.9," with WJTM to improve its directionality into Washington DC, while protecting WJHU *88.1 Baltimore.

On Air (Selected)

MA Chatham WFCC 107.5, classical with some jazz, "definitely fine arts," s, with "terrible limiting; compresses the audio like a rock station."

FCC-FM
MI Ontonagon WONT 98.3 \$, k
PA Johnstown WFRJ *88.9 \$, g, Family
Stations—and probably all the WFRJ translators
in PA and eastern OH
PA Whitteville WLIH 107.1 g, not known if \$

NonIDs, Not Just Slogans

AZ Green Valley KFXH 92.1 92 K-Fox (strict), r
CA Hanford KMGX 103.7 X-104
CA Red Bluff KALF 95.7 no nonID; uses calls
frequently, "and seems to have retired 'Calif
Country' (but not k format)"
CA Tulare KBOS 94.9 B-95, adds Fresno to its ID
ID Caldwell KCID-FM 107.1 C-107
ID Jerome KFMA 102.9 Z-103 (strict)
ID Twin Falls KLIX-FM 96.5 clicks-96 (strict)
IA Claron KRIT 96.9 Super-97 (not strict), FCC
urges delay in granting station license because
of interference caused to KHBT 97.7 Hum-
boldt

KS Columbus KSSC 98.3 k, KS-98
KY Lexington WLAP-FM 94.5 Power-94.5 (from
FM-94%) [Radio 94%] any more
LA Lafayette KSMB 94.5 no nonID, no "Hit/
ME Augusta WMME-FM 92.3 92-Moose, r
ME Bath WIGY 105.9 no nonID (no Y-106)
ME Ellsworth-Bangor WWMJ 95.7 WMJ (strict)
ME Saco WHYR 95.9 96-HYR (not FM-96, not
strict)

ME Sanford WCDQ 92.1 Classic Hits
MI Escanaba WGLQ 97.1 Magic-97 (from 97-
GLQ)
MI Ironwood WUPM 106.9 UPM (not strict)
MN St. Louis Park KJJO-FM 104.1 Hot Rockin'
104 (strict). Format has some mild sex talk,
especially in the morning

NM Santa Fe KKSS 97.3 Kiss-FM
KIVA 105.1 Power-105 (not Kee-Va)
OR Eugene KMGE 94.5 Magic-94 FM, mr; this
format change cost KMGE three translators
KZEL 96.1 96-FM
KPNW-FM 99.1 Lite 99 FM

OR Portland KYTE-FM 101.1 no nonID
TX College Station KTSR 92.1 Star 92, r ("adult
contemporary")

TX Mount Pleasant KPXI 100.7 X-100
TX San Antonio KSAQ 96.1 Super Q (strict),
and occasional references to 760 AM, with
AM call letters, KSJL, mentioned only near
the top of the hour—"KSJL and KSAQ San
Antonio" [Hits (from K-Light)
UT Salt Lake City KLTQ-FM 93.3 Classic/
VA Arlington WAVA 105.1 Power 105 (not
strict)

WA Bremerton KHIT 106.9 K-Hit occasionally
still in use, but more often saying Power-
106.9, but "always with call letters"

WA Seattle KPLZ 101.5 no nonID; always uses
call letters

ON Atikokan CBLA 90.5 CBC Radio for IWW
Ontario (strict; never uses legal calls)
ON Dryden CBQH 100.9 CBC (strict)
ON Fort Frances CBQT 90.5 CBC
ON Nipigon CBQY 98.9 CBQ
ON Wawa CBLJ 88.3 CBC
SK Saskatoon CFMC 95.1 C-95 (strict), r

FMistakes, VUD

AR Russellville KAIO 100.9 (not 10.9), Oct., p.
32, col. 2 (also Prototype FMedia p. 3, Col.
1)
ID Idaho Falls KEZF, Feb., p. 14, col. 1,
frequency missing—is 96.1
IL Granite City KWK 106.5 (not 1065), Feb.,
p. 13, col. 3 [32, col. 3
OH Ashland WRDL *88.9 (not "CR"), Oct., p./
Other FMistakes are listed in FMedia Corres-
ponding FCC-FM column in which mistake
may have occurred is one month later

See Also April VUD for

TN Greeneville WIKQ 94.9 apparently r, Sittel,
p. 40
NL Monterrey XHIL 101.3 \$, Pugh, p. 39

KJJO Flirting with Howard Stern Sound-Alikes?

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A Review of the Magnum/Dynalab FT-101 FM Tuner

This Canadian-made tuner's outstanding virtue to DXers is its selectivity. For years, I have used as my main receiver a Fisher 500TX, bought new in 1969. The Fisher still works fine, thanks to excellent maintenance given it through the years by fellow WTFDA member John Ebeling. I stuck with the old Fisher, even though newer tuners and receivers have come and gone, mainly because of the old set's selectivity. Lately, I've had chance to become a dealer for Magnum, with the opportunity to test an FT-101. Why I decided to keep that tuner and use it as my main DX instrument is the subject of this article. My work with radios, tuners and receivers in connection with FM subcarrier modifications has given me an opportunity to compare a variety of them side by side with the old Fisher. Included in the group are Akai, Heathkit, Kenwood, Magnavox, Marantz, NAD, Panasonic, JCPenney, Pioneer, Project One, Raymer, Realistic, Revco, Rotel, Sansui, Sanyo, H. H. Scott, Sears Roebuck LXI Series, Sherwood, Sony, and Technics. Of course, I have not tested all models in those brands, and some of the finer tuners like Carver and McIntosh are missing from the list.

The FT-101's published specifications are interesting. Usable sensitivity is 8.8 dB or 1.5 microvolts mono, and 11.2 dB stereo. I don't know how that compares to the Carver, but I know that a weak signal will appear in stereo on this set sooner than it will on the Fisher. I find that feature helpful, not in listening, but just in identifying which stations have stereo (when they are weak) for my Atlas and FMedia! Selectivity alternate channel is 83 dB narrow, 50 dB wide, and this company actually prints the adjacent channel (200 kHz) selectivity figures: 8 dB wide, 20 dB narrow. I know the 20 dB figure is probably lower than for the McIntosh MR78, but for my purposes I find it entirely adequate.

Shortly after I got the FT-101, I learned about new call letters for Clinton IA 96.1. KLIO had been a mono gospel station, and I wanted to be able to learn if it had embraced stereo and changed formats. The FT-101 did its thing nicely, as it brought in KLIO (after a little patient fiddling with the antenna rotator and some waiting for the right conditions) clearly with ID and stereo indication. This is a station between powerful WJMC-FM 96.3 Rice Lake WI and WLKX 95.9 Forest Lake MN, both in the direction of Clinton, and impossible to tune in on the Fisher. I devised a switching system, so I could instantly compare the tuner sections of both. The audio from the Magnum tuner played through the Fisher's amplifier. The Magnum told me KLIO had stereo when the received signal was only slightly higher than the threshold for audio to be heard, and mono-stereo switching within the tuner was gentle.

It did slightly better than the Fisher on a sensitivity test, on KCTN 100.1 Garnaville IA, a DX frequency in the clear at the time. But that is comparing this tuner with a Fisher which had been recently peaked for top sensitivity by John Ebeling; I am not sure if the Magnum's sensitivity could be improved on by peaking.

The list price of this tuner has increased, but my catalog shows it at \$470 plus \$8 shipping. I believe I can obtain demonstrator units even cheaper for DXers, and possibly other dealers can, too, if you state that you want a demonstrator. Magnum assures me they do have demonstrators in stock. It is an expensive tuner, compared to those of the recent past, such as the highly touted Sony ST-5130, and possibly the Onkyo. The FT-101 will far outperform the ST-5130 on selectivity, but I do not know how it would compare with the Onkyo or Akai, which I know some DXers prefer.

It has the advantage of the older Akai in being analog tuned, but offering digital frequency readout. A club member who has one is Al Ellis, Brantford ON, and he has it



FT-101 Digital/Analog Reference FM Tuner

connected to a massive rotating antenna on a tower that looks like the Eiffel (or so it seems). "CKDS Hamilton with its rock-crushing 100 kw on 95.3, then Oshawa on 94.9 with 50 kw and on 95.1 Bristol Center NY with is 9½ kw, just barely heard if you fiddle with antenna and listen hard...So the unit is working, and is accurate as to frequency—something not all digital equipment can claim." The digital numerals are large, green and easy to read, going up in increments of 95.3, 95.4, 95.5, etc. Three big meters occupy the front panel—multipath (which I find of no value here in northern Minnesota; it's almost always at zero), center tuning and signal strength. The meters and dial display are always on; it would have been nice if they'd been equipped with a switch to turn them off, like my Panasonic shortwave radio has. This would save on light bulbs and LEDs. One panel light burned out, and a replacement quickly sent, along with directions how to make the installation. Since the set is under warranty, I am sure the company would allow return shipping for such a job, if the user were not technically capable of soldering in a new light.

My criticism of this tuner includes its relatively poor spurious signal rejection. It may actually be worse than the old Fisher, and not as good as the Sony ST-5130. Image rejection is given at 75 dB, not the 90 to 100 dB claimed in state-of-the-art tuners of today. This is something Magnum should give attention to in the future as it upgrades its line. The tuner is best used by DXers in congested metropolitan or rural areas, not those living close to local antenna farms. The digital readout of station frequencies is fine, but for normal listening, a station memory system would be nice, with, say, a dozen presets. One thing I like about the old Fisher 500TX is that it has four FM presets, plus complete analog handling of station dialing. A possibility for making tuning easier on the Magnum would be a smaller tuning knob. Then a person could dial across the band quicker; it's something that I may change.

Finally, from a service standpoint, the owner's manual is very sketchy, talking more about FM reception and antennae than about the tuner itself. A block diagram is

included, but no schematic, unlike H. H. Scott, which supplies a complete schematic with the tuners they sell. I have asked for a schematic, and never received one. I guess the company is concerned about people copying the circuit, which looks like it has relatively few components, as you can tell after removing the cover and looking at the spacious, but well-laid-out interior. Curiously, the resistors, capacitors, etc. are not numbered on the circuit board, and to remove the circuit board takes an unusual Canadian screw driver, that is somewhere between the slot blade and the Phillips head in its configuration. Magnum sent me a very nice screwdriver set so that I could get into their equipment better; but I know this could be a problem to people in this country who had to repair such equipment.

Remember this is an FM-only tuner, no AM included, and on its back it has two pairs of output jacks, one high level and one low level. Thus, you should be able to play it into any kind of amplifier. Antenna input is a 75-ohms jack, with balun supplied. I added to the front panel a headphone jack, so that I can take it on DXpeditions without having to use an amplifier and speakers. My next project will be a stereo volume control to attenuate the volume of the jack, since there is plenty of volume, and no headphone jack amplifier would be needed. Both the front and rear panels have space for adding jacks and extra switches, but it is made of tough steel, and you need really sharp drills to go through the material! That also says something of the quality construction of this unit. Front panel controls include selectivity wide and narrow, AFC on off, stereo-mono, muting on-off, and power on-off. The switches all look like Radio Shack's black bat-handle switches, so when I installed two extra switches, I went to the Shack and bought ones that matched.

DXers would do well to consider the Magnum/Dynalab FT-101 tuner. I expect to have mine on hand during the convention, and if other DXers bring their tuners or receivers along, we can try some side-by-side comparison testing.

Baltimore-Washington

Here's Gus Mancuso's contribution, the latest in a series of FM station histories from different cities.

1965		1975		1985
92.3	WSID-FM	WLPL		WYST-FM
93.1	WFM	WPOC		WPOC
93.9	WRC-FM	WKYS		WKYS
94.7	WJMD			WLTT
95.1	WRBS			WRBS
95.5	WPGC-FM			WCLY
95.9	XX	WISZ-FM		WWIN-FM
96.3	WTOP-FM	WHUR	WBKZ	WHUR
97.1	WASH			WASH
97.9	WBAL-FM	WYYY		WYYY
98.7	WOL-FM	WMZO		WMZO
99.1	WNAV-FM			WHFS
99.5	WGAY-FM	WGAY-FM		WGAY
100.3	WFAN	WOOK		WDJY
100.7	WTTR-FM			WGRX
101.1	WWDG-FM			WWDG-FM
101.9	WAQE-FM	WTOW	WLIF	WLIF
102.3	WHFS		WTKS	WMMJ
102.7	WCAO-FM		WXYV	WXYV
103.5	WGMS-FM			WGMS-FM
104.1	XX	WSMD-FM		WXTR
104.3	WTH-FM	WDJQ	WXR-FM	WXR-FM
105.1	WAVA-FM		WTH-FM	WBSB
105.7	WCBC	WKTK		WAVA
105.9	WXRA			WQSR
106.5	WCBM-FM	WMAR	WVKX	WCXR-FM, WCXR
106.7	XX	WEZR	WRLX	WMKR, WMX
107.3	WMAL-FM			WBMW
107.9	WANN-FM		WROX	WROX
			WFSI	WFSI

Note: stations on 105.1, 105.9 and 106.7 are in northern Virginia; all others are licensed to Maryland or the District of Columbia. [I have record of WWIN-FM Baltimore 94.7, verified in about 1951; anybody with any earlier information on this market, please come forward with it—b.e.]

Gus says "feel free to add any omissions; this list mostly from old White's Radio Logs and memory. WAVA-FM was WURL in 1950s; others probably different, too, as WTOP-AM was WJSV in old days. Very few changes 88-92 band, contrasting with New York city. Programming changes on these stations could take pages to fill. Example: 106.5 (MOR to b, to pop, to new wave top 40 to easy-listening). Note: WGAY (FM), AM was WQMR for a few years; in mid 70s AM was sold and became WNTR. 102.3 (as WHFS) called self 'home grown'; only FM in DC never affiliated with an AM." [What about WASH 97.1; it was never affiliated with an AM, was it?—b.e.]

Also checking the above was Hank Holbrook, who found no problems with the listing. Hank would like the Atlas to include addresses, as the NRC does with its BCB log. "Broadcasting [Yearbook] now so expensive—I get it about once every 3 or 4 years and usually when I hear a new station I have to call long distance to get the address!" I have the '87 BY, and anybody can get an address from me by sending a reply postcard. Another source of addresses is being developed by Pete Nolan. His "M Street Daybook" is \$55 from the M Street DataBase, PO Box 16353, Alexandria VA 22302, (703) 379-4275. I am not sure if there is a discount for DXers, but you might want to write and ask. This source will be listing, in computer printout form, such information as call letters, frequency, power, address, pending applications, on-air slogans, telephone numbers.

Supplying much of the stereo and other station news was Frank Merrill, who had a chance to go through his notes from a trip he took to AK and Northwest Territories.

AM not on way out. Eric Bueneman again comes through in defense of the older aural medium: "Dr. Elving is wrong about AM's decline! Nationwide, I feel that FM will begin its decline toward the 50% plateau before the 1980s are out. FM is at its peak right now, which leads me to say that Dr. Elving shouldn't have had his anti-AM article printed in Radio World at all!" If what Eric says is true, I am glad I lived now and enjoyed a taste of nirvana in this world, because the future to those of us who like FM looks bleak indeed! Anyway, he sent a bunch of station news from his area, including the first reported hearing of WTEV *89.5 Canokia by any living human being.

Nick Lombardi sampled some of the print literature and sent an ad about Dick Sequerra offering an FM-FM-SCA-AM-stereo receiver, the Sequerra Model II (write to R. Sequerra Assoc. Ltd., 15-26 215th St., Bayside NY 11360). I wrote that address almost a month ago and heard nothing; I wonder if this ad, which was in the "Absolute Sound," is a ploy to try to discern if there is any interest in outlandishly expensive FM equipment? He also sent copies of mentions of my Atlas in Audio Amateur and FMedia in Popular Communications. He reports that WTEV *91.5 Cumming GA is going strong with their 8900 h.v. directional signal in \$, at 25+ miles. I had confused that station with WMV *90.7 McDonough, when I asked him to check which was on the air. He says WTEV not on, even at low power, "phone disconnected. I don't think they ever operated at anything close to full power."

Walt Breville sent a humorous article on the future of AM, saying "I think AM will recover. Not only because of my bias coming with enjoying AM DX, but simply the problems of FM reception in automobiles. I do grant that FM stereo is far superior to any AM reception in the home, especially using my Carver TX-11 tuner to clear up the multipath problems that distort signals from nearby transmitters, but in my car driving around, I find the noise bursts and muddy harsh mashing of the music as I drive by hills and high rise buildings so bad that I switch my Ford Escort's factory AM-FM stereo over to AM and enjoy music, even though most of the treble notes are removed and it's no longer stereo. Maybe if I replace it with a digitally tuned car stereo that has stronger action against multipath distortion I might develop a better attitude for FM. Right now, I'm looking at quite a few car stereos, reading test reports in the magazines, such as Audio, High Fidelity, Stereo Review, dreaming of a rig with good sound with minimum noise and yet a good DX machine, on both AM and FM, one that receives FM stations without noise even in mono at much better than 30 miles from strong high transmission towers." I'd think Walt's criteria would not be difficult to attain; and with his local stations about to transmit from the local cemetery tower, his multipath situation should be cleared up. Some high points of the article include the carving up of the former United States into new territories. For example, OR goes to Korea, with HLKEX the main station. Mexico takes back its former territories, and XEBAP Fort Worth and XEKO Denver are the main AM stations. Now you guess what country would be running the territories with these main stations: CMTX and CMWWL New Orleans, 4VAPE Jacksonville, while CBV relays are established on 830 in Minneapolis, 710 Duluth and 570 Yankton. Japan, which takes over CA, could change KFI's calls to JOKFI.

Alan Almond is out at WCSX (formerly WMJC 94.7) Birmingham MI, but nobody knows (or cares?) where. "This station changed supposedly because a former DJ team could not be returned from a Chicago station," says

Robert Grant. "This is the worst excuse for a format change I have ever heard—first, personalities have proven to be relatively unimportant to a/c stations; and second, they should have tried to develop new air talent. Also, I could not imagine a worse choice for a format change in this market. There are now (including WCSX) five stations in the area with rock-era oldies as the base of their format, whereas three years ago there was only one. As an rp-oriented station, it faces more competition than a 'hit' oldies station would and the 94.7 dial setting is almost the 'pop' neighborhood of the FM dial (WNTM, WLTI, CKLW-FM, WCSX, WCZY, WHYY). If I were a p-d, this would be either top-40 or all news. RG projection: WCSX summer '87 ratings to be less than 2.0...

"As for Eric Bueneman's comments (Big AM Comeback), I think he offers optimism without any logical explanation. It's all down from here (barring a miracle), but I am sure that even at the worst, AM will still be around in 2000 as a religion and propaganda band that almost nobody will care about, much like the IBC bands today (I doubt that the band will be reallocated).

"If AM does 'die', it will have died the same way John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King did, murdered by bullets fired in the 1960s (considering anti-stereo and anti-night rules as 'bullets'). The NRSC voluntary standard is a disaster. It is neither a good long distance system nor a high fidelity system—nor a compromise—the result is as much interference as hi-fi and sounds about the same as 5 kHz low-interference! I make my statement based on the nature of interference in the field and the acoustic physics of the air in the human ear canal. When you were at the WTFDA convention last year, you briefly saw my MFFM draft, and mistook it for an idea to reallocate the ILS band to broadcasting. False, the numbers from 108.1-131.3 are 'dial-settings' much like channels on TV." As I understand his proposal, AM would be the same band but propagated at different angles to minimize interference between stations, and numbers would read in channels like 108.1 to 131.3 to give people the idea that the AM stations found thereon were FM stations, and I suppose people's tuning dials would be continuous to help achieve this deception.

John Jefferson helps to answer my question following reader W. R. McIntosh's claim (March VUD, p. 10) that a few years ago there were many commercial classical music stations in L. A. "In 1960, they were KFMU 97.1 (Heritage network) and KCBH 98.7 Beverly Hills. The latter was cb or cm, with serious classics about ¾ of the day, and non-classical otherwise. As for claims KFAC-FM has degenerated, that hardly seems possible! In 1960, Carl Princi stoutly defended their policy of continuing a symphony from one day to the next because it wouldn't fit his ½-hour AM-FM stereo program. (Anyone for cutting the Mona Lisa into envelope-sized pieces so she can be shipped easier?) Their daytime programs were all of the ¾- or even ¾-hour variety. With 1 minute of theme fore and aft, a couple minutes of commercials, and a couple PSAs, you figure out how many serious classics they worked into the ¾-hour segments! It should be noted that KFAC apparently did improve notably after KFMU and KCBH (and I) departed; it sounds like they've now reverted to the bad old ways. After several visits to southern California, I earnestly urge classical fans in LA to get a good tuner and antenna and go after KFSD 94.1 San Diego and KDB-FM 93.7 Santa Barbara. I'd happily trade KKHI-FM 95.7, KDCC 102.1 and KQED-FM 88.5 for either."

Dave Nieman sent a copy of the "MAF" TV-FM DX bulletin from Spain. Some of that

kind of stuff I will have here at the convention for people to pick up, read, and take home if they're interested. Others who come are encouraged to bring reading material to share or exchange.

Keith Pugh receives the WBQM 91.7 Decatur AL translator on 106.3 in Huntsville. "I can only get it on my car radio down the road from my house. Tried for it on my beam at home, but can't pull it in over WBTG Sheffield." That probably means the translator is vertically polarized, while Keith's beam is horizontal. He hopes soon to install a Stereo Probe 9 for DXing atop a CM rotor. "It'll be nice to DX without having to run out to aim that Archer 6-element."

W. R. McIntosh sent a bunch of goodies, and says that KUSC #91.5 now IDs as: KUSC Los Angeles 91.5 KSCA Santa Barbara 88.7 KCPB Thousand Oaks 91.1 FM. Included were or was the Radio-TV highlights from the LA Times, and an article on Taft broadcasting being bought by the founder's son, Dudley S. Taft. Taft holdings include 12 TV, eight AM and nine FM stations, including CA's KQVR Sacramento. Sale is for \$1.34 billion cash. A People-type article was included about Ruth Hirschman, building quite a power base as the manager of KCRW #89.5 to Monica. She's from New York, and even reads the NY Times on a daily show. She has "become a major power in public



Hirschman reads New York Times on KCRW (FM)

broadcasting, earning a reputation as a low-key but effective lobbyist. Two years ago, she rallied other stations around the country to save the weekend version of NPR's 'All Things Considered' from the budgetary ax... Just three years ago, KUSC was the undisputed leader among public radio stations in southern California. Today, KCRW is quickly closing the audience gap and is way out ahead in fundraising. Recently, KUSC took in \$210,000 in pledges in a week's time; KCRW brought in \$595,000 over 10 days." Divorced from Jack in the 1970s, one of her two children, David, 26, died in her arms five years ago of leukemia. "For someone to die in the middle of their youth is extraordinarily painful. That's not to be worn as a badge. But it does become part of your soul. It's not to be discounted. It's not to be highlighted, but it does become part of your life. Everything you do is touched by it."

Mc also sent a critical article on KTWV 94.7, "The Wave," and some letters to the editor about it, including this from Barry Cockeram, Northridge: "It is unclear how anyone could feel that a Muzak station (KTWV, The Wave) could replace a music (KMET) on 94.7 FM. Maybe it's a setup, like the Coca-Cola

strategy against Pepsi. Within four months, the consensus should be in, that KTWV is unlistenable. KMET can then return to the air as 'K-Met-Classic'." A final article Mc sent is on "shock radio," the kind of thing Howard Stern is doing on WXRK 92.3 New York and Bob and Tom are doing on WFBQ Indianapolis. Other d-j's going in for sex talk (some call it "humor") are Carolyn Fox, WHJY Providence RI (one of the few women doing it), and J. C. Corcoran, who was fired by KSHE Crestwood-St. Louis MO. His firing said to be more a matter of a contractual dispute than management's not liking his on-air style. "To work with someone like J. C. you have to be ready for the experience of a lifetime," said KSHE manager John Beck, "but we were very very supportive of him. We believe in radio that's controversial—that's what makes it exciting. I can remember where J. C. played around with a news item about a priest who had been charged with molesting young boys, which raised a big ruckus in a town like ours, which has a big Catholic population. But I thought his material was hilarious, even if it was tasteless... We never reprimanded him, even when our own station owner was upset about certain jokes." Meanwhile DIR broadcasting has stopped syndicating the Howard Stern show, claiming poor sales, but critics are pointing to problems with anti-pornography groups and an FCC about to censure such broadcasters, under pressure from the religious right, many of whom have supported financially the Reagan administration.

John Ebeling: "I see the Adolph post office burned a few weeks ago. I supposed as an interim measure your mail addressed to Adolph is being routed to Duluth." Not quite, it was sent to Proctor for a while, now goes into locked boxes outside the former Adolph store, which will be rebuilt. And John sent quite a long article on dissent at KMOJ #89.9 Minneapolis, where the board let Jeanette Cotton go. Cotton virtually started the gospel,



Jeanette Cotton

jazz, blues and soul station, but came at odds with the station's board. She saw it grow from a 10-watt to 1000-w station and embrace stereo. Cotton said she is unemployed, "although she does psychic readings and is trying to put together a new business she wouldn't describe for fear of harassment by opponents in the KMOJ dispute."

William R. Hepburn sent a map showing new place names in Canada, which will be in the next "FM Atlas." He writes: "I do the wx broadcasts on 94-FM (aka CJSD) Thunder Bay every other day or so. When I answer the phone they usually say this is CKPR-FM calling for the weather. Almost all of the DJs do this, so much

for call letters. Their official call letters are CJSD-FM, but they never use those letters on the air, just 94-FM. Their studio is co-located with CKPR-AM. I find it pointless to bug them about this. After all, what's the difference between using a bunch of letters or a slogan anyway. Nevertheless, they could use something more imaginative than 94-FM, maybe 'Thunder Radio' or something else that would make ID easier. As long as the location or some other identifying factor is given, I don't see why DXers should have any problem with nonIDs. CBQ 800 does use its call letters, but does not mention the calls of its FM relays CBQY, CBLA and CBCH. They all ID as 'CBQ Radio.' CBQX 98.7 Kenora and its relays CBQS, CBQT, CBQH, CBQL, CBQN, CBQP, CBQA, CBQU and CBQV ID as 'CBC Northwestern Ontario'. CBQJ 96.1 Timmins and its relays ID as 'CBC Radio 96.1 Timmins', although programming originates from CBCS Sudbury.

"With the way CBC budgets are being cut, it's hard enough just keeping the Thunder Bay studio from closing, not to mention separate automated transmitter IDers for each station. The CBC assumes that the folks in Pickle Lake know that the CBC station they hear on 105.1 is broadcasting from around Pickle Lake, so why pay big bucks to install equipment just to tell them this once an hour? In the more populated areas down south with a congested FM band, I do see the possible need for some local ID." It is frustrating for me to DX CBC stations, and I usually ignore them, as one day I got 90.1, probably Atikokan, and all they said was "CBC Radio in Northwestern Ontario." I guess my only hope of ever IDing any of them is when a new transmitter is being installed, and the engineer comes on and speaks an ID. John Ebeling thus heard CBQT Fort Frances give such an ID when it was first testing. The French CBC stations are much better. I hear CBON-20 89.3 Thunder Bay quite often say the CBON calls, and am assured they give an ID mentioning Thunder Bay once each two hours. I also have received CJSD and CBQ-FM before they quit ever announcing proper calls, so do have them in my logs, which I would not consider doing for a station that has calls but refuses to use them.

An FM Atlas reader would like the complete set. He is only missing the Third edition. If you have a copy of this book, and it is in mint to very good condition, please write me and ask what you'd want for it. I will pass the word on. I only need one book, so if I hear from several of you, I'll have to decide who I'll buy it from.

Speaking of Howard Stern, as I did above, RadioPhiles magazine last month had quite a story on his WXRK 92.3 show. It included an actual dialog with Stern and some minor characters at the station during his morning show. Broadcast included some explicit (and anatomically correct) language discussing the elimination and reproduction systems of a horse, and how such system(s) could be transplanted onto a male human. His discourses would probably make good public radio (or late night SCA talking book for the blind) copy, and as read on the printed sheet, seemed innocuous enough, but the inflections while speaking might render the interpretation to a listener entirely different.

John Lentz thinks "Milwaukee radio is in trouble. WRKR-FM changed its call letters and format. The new calls are WHBT, and it leaves out Racine, except at the top of the hour. The AM is still WRKR, simulcasting WHBT FM. I suspect they are awaiting approval to change their AM calls. 'KQ-92' is the other one in Racine. Formerly WFNY, they changed their calls in Racine. WHKQ, located at 92.1, has a legal ID at the top of the hour only. Otherwise through the hour, it's just 'KQ-92'. The format is hit music."

Now I have space for one more dial history, this one from OR.

Portland (OR) FM History Compiled by John M. Adams

	1951	1961	1971	1981	1987
89.1	XX	XX	XX	XX	*KMHD
89.3	XX	*KRRC	*KRRC	XX	XX
89.9	XX	XX	XX	XX	*KBPS-FM
90.7	XX	XX	*KBOO		*KBOO
91.5	XX	XX	*KOAP-FM		*KOAP-FM
92.3	KEX-FM		KLIO-FM	KGON	KGON
93.7	XX	XX	KPDQ-FM	KPDQ-FM	KPDQ-FM
95.5	KWJJ-FM	KGMG	KXL-FM		KXL-FM
97.1	KPFM	KPAM-FM		KCNR ¹	KKLI
98.5	XX	XX	KPOK-FM	KUPL-FM	KUPL-FM
99.5	XX	XX	KJIB	KJIB	KWJJ-FM
100.3	XX	KQFM			KKRZ
101.1	KOIN-FM			KLLB ²	KYTE-FM
101.9	XX	XX	KINK		KINK
103.3	XX	XX	XX		KKCW
106.7	XX	XX	XX	KMJK ³	KMJK
107.5	XX	XX	XX	*KRRC	*KRRC

¹KCNR-FM early '80s. ²KYTE-FM early '70s; KRCK in mid-80s. ³KQIV mid '70s; KMJK-FM mid-80s.

Main reference: Oregon Blue Book, 1951-52, 1961-62, 1971-72, 1981-82.

Jupiter FL 96.7 has "probably" had more call changes in the past several years than any other station, claims Eric Fader. He points out, since 1980, its going from WCEZ to WVSI, WKTO, WIXI and WKSJ, five sets of calls in seven years! Anyone wanna challenge that record? And Eric sent in some corrections to the Miami station formats, reported this month and last. He also analyzed Billboard's Hot 100 and "urban" playlists, so that fine tuning of various stations with s, r, sr, or rs could be done. Pete Nolan comments on the same thing, centered on KPWR 105.9 Los Angeles. "Part of the confusion deals with rather arcane arguments over chart methodology, but the upshot is that KPWR is trying to avoid the 'stigma' of being labelled a station that plays black music (even though that's precisely what it does), fearing that such an image drives away potential advertisers. This is one of the few cases where R & R magazine is actually showing some backbone rather than caving into a broadcaster's attempt to distort reality (though Billboard's already given up the fight, and R&R is about to). It's really the same syndrome as a CHR station calling itself 'adult contemporary' in publications like Broadcasting Yearbook and SRDS—which hundreds do—in order to fool advertisers and agencies who don't look at their ratings books carefully into thinking the station has a more 'attractive' audience. The difference is that instead of being agist (in the case of CHR vs. AC) this time the station is racist. KPWR also refuses ads for black-oriented products (e.g., discos or hair care products) that run on other L. A. stations (including ones that aren't particularly black-oriented)." Pete thus provides a major reason why this publication should try to avoid stations' self-descriptions of formats, since they can be intentionally inaccurate.

Ralph Strobel sent a tape of several low-powered educational FM stations he's received, as well as some recent skip. Some of the slogan info is given in this column. Andy Bolin wrote him that Kankakee 92.7 is real strong, and I just checked BY '87 and WLRT's listed as having stereo.

This kid is Charlie Henneman, student station manager of WRUR*88.5 Rochester NY, still about 1 kw, not yet having moved to 20 kw, for which they've had a permit for years. Jeff Kruska, a U of R alumnus, sent this. Washington DC ratings: WKYS 93.9 tied with WMAL AM; then WGAY 99.5, WAVA 105.1, WHUR 96.3, WMWZ 98.7, WWDG-FM 101.1, WDJY 100.3, WTOP AM, WLTT 94.7, and so on. Piece that into the DC station history given a couple pages ago.

Tim Benko is one of those who filled in the missing pieces on my NY FM dial history, presented by Richard E. Berg-Anderson. The missing NBC news calls were WNWS. "All the NBC O&O FMs were chosen to run the ill-fated format, except WJIB Boston and WKYS-FM Washington DC. Since NBC at the time of the inception of the format also owned WRC AM Washington DC, which was an all-news station, it would have been foolish to put it on their O&O FM station there. And, since CBS had WEEI AM in Boston running all-news (as is standard with all CBS O&O AM stations), they probably would have lost their shirts in 'Bean Town' as well." NBC's News and Information Service FM stations, in 1975, were WNWS 97.1 New York, WNIS 101.1 Chicago and KNBR-FM 99.7 San Francisco.

"Not being a fan of all-news radio, I ignored WNIS FM Chicago with pleasure. After they found out they couldn't make any money with the format, NBC then changed all of the O&O FMs to their current call letters," as stations like WNIS evolved into WKQX, now 'Q-101' with a "CHR format and also an adult-contemporary format," and off the automation kick, having dropped all-night automation some 1½ years ago. Their AM, known as WMAQ, dropped its country format and is all talk, except midnight to 5 a. m. The current WNWS is an AM in Miami FL, its WFUN calls having gone to an AM in Ashtabula OH.

Newark NJ-New York city

Tim mentions also that "Z-95" in Chicago and "Z-100" got WYTZ and WHTZ in trouble with Zenith Electronics, and both stations had to redesign their logos. "There's a 'Z-95' logo on the cover of the March, 1987, VUD; check it out."

Dave Nieman sent an article on Buffalo radio stations generating big profits for owners. Sales prices for Buffalo stations have not been as high as in comparably-sized markets because Buffalo is not a growth area, and the article dwells on format changes at 96.9 and 98.5 Buffalo in recent years, along with their call letters' changes.

Finally, Phil Boersma sent an article on a new FM station on 92.7 to be licensed to Saugatuck MI, which will be "beach-oriented," serving Holland. Phil muses that the "format will be some kind of rock."

More details on Natalie McClendon's "Go Public, the traveler's guide to non-commercial radio" (see VUD April, p. 12). Buy a copy at \$12.95 plus \$2 shipping from Wakerobin Communications, 611 N. 26 St., Lincoln NE 68503; it has maps and is over 200 pp. full of detail; quite an attractive publication.

73ily, *James*

NORTHERN FM-DX

Joseph Fela
150 Robert Place
So. Plainfield, N.J. 07080
1-201-755-3852

MAY 1987

Deadline: 8th of the month

A good showing this month for reports, especially when one considers that there hasn't been any really good openings so far this Spring. There were a few minor coastal trop openings in late March but then the rain and colder temperatures returned.

DAVE NIEMAN - AKRON, NEW YORK - 14001-9529

Equipment: unchanged. All stations are new.

MARCH 1987

16 Tr

0906 WSCP 101.7 NY Pulaski, call into nx
and wx, \$ (WBTF having problems) 116

17 Tr

1132 WAYZ 101.5 PA Waynesboro, call, k\$ 227

MARCH 1987

26 GW

0859 CIRV 88.7 ON Toronto, ID, e mono,
"SERV INTERNATIONAL" 64
0954 CIDC 103.5 ON Orangeville, ID,
(TESTING) "DC-103" 106

Little to report this time. I haven't heard any of the morning trop buildups that are common this time of year. The new station in Orangeville, Ontario that's testing was not expected. I've been checking more for the new one in Toronto on 97.3. CIDC plans full operation by late April (around Easter). But they have been playing music and running an ID about every 15 minutes 24 hours a day since I first heard them. So they are out there if anyone can hear them.
Dave.

BILL NOLLMAN - BOX 184 - RFD #1 - BOZRAH, CT. - 06334

Equipment: Carver TX-11A tuner, Realistic STA-740 receiver,
Channel Master Stereo Probe 9 antenna 33 feet above
ground mounted on CM 10' Tripod, with CM HD9515 Heavy Duty Rotor.

FEBRUARY 1987

25 Tr

2110 WCFR 93.5 VT Springfield 125

26 Tr

1538 WBPM 94.3 NY Kingston 100

1550 CJFM 94.3 PQ Montreal 290

1553 CFMO 93.9 ON Ottawa NEW PROVINCE!! 325

1632 WHYR 93.5 ME Saco 160

27 Tr

1640 WHRL 103.1 NY Albany, "STEREO 103" 120

MARCH 1987

1 Tr

2033 WQCB 106.5 ME Brewer, "Q-106.5" 275

2144 WSCB 89.9 MA Springfield 50

6 Tr

1636 WSCG 93.5 NY Corinth 150

1647 WIBQ 93.5 NY Remsen 195

1715 WFMZ 100.7 PA Allentown 190

7 GW/Tr

2016 WFAL 101.1 MA Falmouth 80

9 Tr or MS

0048 WBYR 107.7 NY Wethersfield, "Buffalo's

Bear" - not sure if MS or Tr.

(If it lasted several minutes with a

reasonably steady signal, Tr. MS bursts

are generally quite short. On very long

MS bursts, the signal is very

fady/unstable. Hope this helps -jf) 375

9 MS

1210 WSHW 99.7 IN Frankfort 750

"...from SHINE 9...."

9 Tr

1300 WKGL 92.7 NY Middletown, "92ROCK7" 120

MARCH 1987

10 Tr

1030-1130 WLVH-93.7 Hartford - Carrier

ON but no modulation!!!

1058 WKXZ 93.9 NY Norwich, "KIX-94" 190

11 Tr

2135 WDAS 105.3 PA Philadelphia

NEW FREQUENCY! 190

2151 WEVD 97.9 NY New York

LAST EMPTY FREQUENCY!! 120

ALL 100 FREQUENCIES FILLED!!! THE LAST

TWO BOTH IN ONE HOUR!!!

12 GW

1956 WMNR 88.1 CT Monroe 60

16 Tr

2048 WBGW 97.1 ME Bangor 280

21 Tr

0342 WSEN 92.1 NY Baldwinsville/Syracuse

240

22 Tr

0338 WVLT 92.1 NJ Vineland 210

1842 CKOI 96.9 PQ Verdun 290

24 GW

0715 WFCC 107.5 MA Chatham. 50 kw

pre actual first broadcast playing

classical stuff and IDs every 15

min. Very good signal. Better than

WKPE or WJFK!! Actual inauguration

ceremony was at 12 Noon 3/24. If

anyone would like a copy of it, I

have it recd. Just send a tape with

\$1 for return postage. Entire cere-

mony was about 30 min. long. My rec.

of the ceremony was quite good... 115

0826 WJUL 91.5 MA Lowell

"UNDERGROUND RADIO" 90

Another super month of discovering the power of my Carver. Still nothing that can be considered amazing tropes though I'm not unhappy with what I've heard so far. It is amazing how little I ever used to get to the north before. Now Maine, New York State, and Vermont are nearly regular nightly reception! With this report I have finally heard a station on every frequency with 103.1, 105.3, and 97.9 being the last three. I assume that hearing "Buffalo's Bear" I had WBYR, the mode is what puzzles me...
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(Bill Nollman's report, continued...)
I have had WBYY by MS. That I was sure of but WUWU I'm not sure of. SHINE 99 was caught by having a tape recording all the time I'm listening. The trop of 3/21 and 3/22 was funny because I was listening for MS both times and ended up with tropes instead! WFCC surprised me. I was lucky enough to hear their official commencement ceremony and even had a tape running which all are welcome to as noted above. Also, I have assembled an ID tape of skip and nearly all my locals. It was made mainly for Matt Sittel but if anyone else would like a copy send out a 90 minute tape and one dollar for return postage and I'll be glad to dub off a copy. All of the receptions from the past month were with the \$ Probe 9 at 23 feet above ground. On 3/23 I dared 50 mph winds and put up the tripod and the probe 9 now were at 33 feet and the difference is easy to hear! All locals and semis are much better receptions, luckily not to a point to bother the Carver. Weak stations are much more noticable. NYC FMs are always there. WJUL is evidence of the new height. And WEQX, my personal Vermont favorite which never was much stronger than the noise was in real good last night. WRCN on 103.9 which could never break the overload from WERI-103.7 now can be listened to rather good!!! By the way, WERI is now "WRX" (WWRX) playing a mix of hard rock and oldies.

SCOTT M. HOOD - 7 AUBURN ROAD - BEVERLY, MA. - 01915-2501				
SEPTEMBER 1986			DECEMBER 1986	
We 10 Tr			We 24 Tr	
2030 WCBS 101.1	NY	New York	1600 WALK 97.5	NY Patchogue 170
Th 18 Tr			JANUARY 1987	
0015 {WCDQ} 92.1	ME	Sanford 63	Sa 3 Es	
Fr 19 Tr			2110 WJMI 99.7	MS Jackson 1350
1955 WCBS 101.1	NY	New York 205	2120 WGGZ 98.1	LA Baton Rouge
Su 21 Tr			"An American Original, Z-98"	
2030 WCBS 101.1	NY	New York 205	2120 WYNK 101.5	LA Baton Rouge, k 1475
We 24 Es			Fr 30 Tr	
1855 WRMF 97.9	FL	Palm Beach 1300	2000 WPXC 102.9	MA Hyannis, AOR
1905 WEDRT 99.1	FL	Miami 1375	"PIXY-103", 1st day was Jan 9 69	
OCTOBER 1986			FEBRUARY 1987	
Sa 11 Tr			Fr 27 GW	
1945 WQVR 100.1	MA	Southbridge	(at Logan Airport, Boston)	
		(ditto Su 12 at 1850) 68	1505 WFAL 101.1	MA Falmouth, "101-FM", AC
2015 WHDQ 106.1	NH	Claremont, "Q-106" 95	MARCH 1987	
Mo 20 Tr			Su 1 Tr	
0725 WDRC 102.9	CT	Hartford {oldies}	2040 WFAL 101.1	MA Falmouth 71
		"THE BIG D, 103" 106	Su 22 GW	

wprb

BOX 342. PRINCETON, N. J. 08540

COMMENTS: Not much been happening in this neck of the woods. Other than the Es opening in early January (MS induced?), the most excitement around here has been the new Cape Cod stations signing-on (Need more excitement? A 102.3 for Cape Cod is in the works and there may be still another one after that, perhaps on 93.9 -jf).

Incidentally, those three September loggings of WCBS are not typical. Normally, when a southern duct (NYC, Philly, southern NJ, MD, etc.) is blossoming, WHTZ and WCBS are almost always the first to show up - like a DX barometer (even if NYC is not otherwise part of the duct), competing with semi-locals WHEB and WGIR (down in Franklin, WKDN-106.9 NJ was the indicator of serious DX). But most of last spring, summer, and the first part of the fall, WGIR appeared to be at greatly reduced power, thus allowing WCBS to poke through when it normally wouldn't. That's all from here.

73's, Scott

WILLIAM R. HEPBURN - #18-62 WALKOVER ST. - THUNDER BAY, ON. - P7B 1L2				
Equipment: Rcvr - JVC-R-330V. Antenna - indoor dipoles, 3rd floor, Archer in-line amps.				
S = signal strength in db. ->All times EST<-				
NOVEMBER 1986			DECEMBER 14 GW	
28 MS			1135 unID-91.9,	S-55, pirate? EE trans-
1901 KICT 95.1	KS	Wichita (tentative)	lation over ethnic language. Church	
		(garbled calls u/KQDS-94.9 Duluth)	sermon - suddenly disappeared @ 1221	
DECEMBER 1986			JANUARY 1987	
01 Tr			18 MS	
1933 WMFG 106.3	MN	Hibbing 180	1257 KZNA 90.5	KS Hill City (tent.)
13 MS			"S. Ford St. in Garden City"	
2018 unID-107.7	S-35!		(does KZNA relay KANZ 91.5?)	
	(strongest burst heard ever)		MARCH 1987	
2256 WFMB 104.5	IL	Springfield, S-10 590	05 Tr	
2332 KKYK 103.7	AR	Little Rock	2209 KEEZ 99.1	MN Mankato, S-15, Z-99 365
	(tent. - "??YK")		2238 KYSM 103.5	MN Mankato, S-20 365
2336 unID-103.7	"Kicks-103" (KKYK ?)		2307 KFMC 106.5	MN Fairmont, S-20
2346 KPXI 100.7	TX	Mt. Pleasant, S-10	("FM-106" Cont-hit radio) 415	
("K-100" lite r/all hit mx)			->->-> CONTINUED ->->->	

(Bill Hepburn's report, continued.....)

08 MS

0500 KRES 104.7 MO Moberly 640

COMMENTS: It's a slow time of year so I figured I'd send in my FM-DX report albeit its small size. I have stopped logging any relogs under 315 miles (the apparent max GW horizon). The Minneapolis stations are actually becoming pests, hi. I came to Thunder Bay in Sept 86 for a supposed 1 year term, but it now appears I may be headed for Kingston. C-U-4-Now, Bill.

RALPH STROBEL - 106 E. DAVIDSON ST. - MUNCIE, IN. - 47303

Equipment: McIntosh MR-78 tuner, CM Stereo Probe 9 antenna @ 37 ft. w/rotor

OCTOBER 1986 (at old location)

1 MS

0859 KENW 89.5 NM Portales, prev. Es 1120

6 MS

2339 WHOT 101.1 OH Youngstown, prev. Tr 250

8 MS

0012 KZBS 98.9 OK Oklahoma City 780

17 MS

0133 WKLX 98.9 NY Rochester
(see MS results at end of report) 500

NOVEMBER 1986 (New location w/dipole)

28 Tr

1800 WKOC 89.7 IL Kankakee, g\$,
Ex-10 watts on 88.3 150

DECEMBER 1986 (w/TV antenna)

5 Tr

1548 WCVK 90.7 KY Bowling Green,
g\$, o/WGLE 250

2000 WNFA 88.3 MI Port Huron 220

7 MS

0227 KVNE 89.5 TX Tyler, prev. Es 810

12 MS

0156 WHRO 89.5 VA Norfolk 550

0855 WUNYt 89.5 NY Utica 550

0859 KHKE 89.5 IA Cedar Falls, prev.Tr 410

18 MS (W/Stereo Probe 9 antenna)

0837 KVNE 89.5 TX Tyler 810

21 Es

1810 KKLS 93.9 SD Rapid City, ad 990

22 Tr

0100 WZRO 98.3 IL Farmer City
k\$, o/WXIR 180

23 Tr

2129 KLUM 88.9 MO Jefferson City, s\$ 410

2138 KKCK 88.3 IA Cedar Rapids, j\$
(KKCK? - jf) 360

2225 WLRZ 100.9 IL Peru, AP nx, wx 215

24 Tr

0000 WTXR 94.3 IL Chillicothe-Peoria Hghts.
k\$, "94-X" 230

0138 WSTQ 97.7 IL Streator, r\$ 200

0400 KMG0 98.7 IA Centerville, k\$ 405

JANUARY 1987

4 MS

0300 KENW 89.5 NM Portales 1120

6 Tr

0127 WKKX 104.1 IL Jerseyville, k\$ 300

13 MS

2002 WTEBt 89.5 NC New Bern 600

26 MS

2202 KVNE 89.5 TX Tyler 810

2206 WMAE 89.5 MS Booneville 450

MARCH 1987

4 MS

0200 KENW 89.5 NM Portales 1120

4 Tr

0759 WDSO 88.3 IN Chesterton
r\$, 410 watts 125

1111 WKDS 89.9 MI Kalamazoo, r, SID,
140 watts 140

MARCH 1987

7 MS

0300 WKNE 103.7 NH Keene 690

0411 WKNE 103.7 NH Keene 690

9 MS

0202 unID-89.5, ??? (S/off?)

METEOR SCATTER RESULTS (1986)

Oct. 1 KENW "...and at 98.7, you're
listening to KMTH-FM..."

Oct. 6 WHOT "....Jerry Starr, good
morning..." (Didn't he move on to
to WNRC-640? -jf)

Oct. 8 KZBS "...A recording of Neil Diamond
on KZ...."

Oct. 17 WKLX "...WKLX...coming up
tomorrow...."

Dec. 7 KVNE "...1:27 from FM-89 KVNE.
coming up on 1:28 on this Sunday
morning, December 7th, good morning.
In that set of music we listened to..."

Dec. 12 WHRO "...Skies all over Hampton
Roads, 38 degrees..."

WUNYt "...Chairman of the Drama
Dept. at New York University..."

KHKE "...cast of the Waterloo-
Cedar Falls...."

Dec. 18 KVNE "...33 degrees, it's 48 in
.... 48 in Shreveport, and 52 degrees
in Lufkin. Coming up after Family
Forum which is next...broadcast
affiliation with...is made possible in
part from a grant from...products and
teaching aids in Tyler...."

1987 RESULTS

Jan. 4 KENW "...Portales, NM, 88.1..."

Jan. 13 WTEBt "...Eastern North Carolina."

Jan. 26 KVNE "...KVNE..."

WMAE "...-FM Greenwood and WMAA."

Mar. 4 KENW "...you're listening to
KENW-FM..."

Mar. 7 WKNE "...1290 WKNE and FM-104
WKNE...."

WKNE "...KNE...."

Mar. 9 unID "...located at 3001..."

COMMENTS; Due to circumstances beyond my
control, I was forced to move. I am 2 mi.
SW of my old location. This move (on
11/1/86) will be permanent as I finally
bought a house of my own.

I will forever be sickened that I had
no antenna put up in late November for the
outstanding opening everyone has been
talking about in the VUD. Even with a
makeshift dipole, reception was better
than normal, but only found one new FM
station.

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(Ralph Strobel's report, continued.....)

My 50 ft. tower was taken down and moved, but this time I had the man put up two TV antennas I had wanted for years. I now have a 7 ft. Channel Master parabolic dish as well as a Channel Master 1110. A 32 ft. tower was already on the property and my FM antenna is on it. I am ready for the next big opening, that's for sure! In the meantime, I'm looking for more meteor scatter IDs. I was able to ID 89.5 KENW Portales, NM because they have a dual ID with 98.7 KMTN Maljamar, NM. WHOT Youngstown, OH was IDed by the fact I know that someone by the name of Jerry Starr worked there. If you look in the Oct. VUD QSLs, note that Dave Nieman had a verification cited from WHOT in which Jerry Starr had verified his report. (If you attend the NRC Lima Convention this Summer, you'll be able to see that name in person -jf).

Dave Brumfield of Richmond, IN was able to ID a meteor scatter of mine. Regarding 89.5 WHRO Norfolk, VA, Hampton Roads is the inlet of water between Norfolk and Hampton, VA. Sure enough, I found it on the road atlas. 89.5 WMAE Booneville, MS was heard with a portion of their full PRM ID. The ID matches the 88.1 WMAW Meridian, MS ID I taped last summer due to close E-skip (believe they all use the same net ID which originates from the main studio. I have yet to see anyone report any of the PRM stations running ONLY their own call/location. -jf). On April 3rd, at 1615 hours, I had E-skip up to channel 3 for about 30 minutes. Channel 2 was SS, so a Mexican was finding my antenna. Happy DXing to everyone. 73, Ralph.



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317-459-4191



WABD

108.0 FM

BOX 521
FORT CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY 42223

JOSEPH FELA - 150 ROBERT PLACE - SO. PLAINFIELD, N.J. - 07080

ELT

Equipment: McIntosh MR-78 tuner, CM Stereo Probe 9 at 35 ft. w/rotor.

MARCH 1987

9 GW/Tr

0045 Local WMGQ-98.3 off (but apparently left exciter on, as a weak carrier noted, in stereo, from their direction.)

0059 WDVR 98.3 NJ Ocean City, ID 89

23 GW/Tr

0045 Local WBLS-107.5 and semi-local WEBE-107.9 off. 107.5 was 100% WBYO PA (a day too early for WFCC!!!). 107.9 had a nice signal from WXKS MA, a decent WRRB NY, + the usual WFSI MD.

25 Tr

2100-2300 Many Norfolks in, fair/good

Also WWOK-105.7 NC ("OK-106/The Power Stn.") and WOCQ-103.9 MD very strong.

MARCH 29 Tr

0800 Local WPRB-103.3 off (0900 s/on this date.) WPHD NY on the channel again tentatively CBO ("...for Ontario..." followed by CBC News). Usual WSBA and WESR also there.

0905 CIEL 98.5 PQ Longueuil, SID, FF PQ #1 after 18 years!

345

2200 WESM 91.3 MD Princess Anne, running a rock history special which another DXer identified as off the Sheriden Network (he also noted network ads being carried by WESM!) THIS IS A NEW STATION - IT'S 45,000 WATTS SHOULD GET OUT WELL. 177

COMMENTS: I recently acquired a CADCO FM-SSL/75 antenna which, on paper, should outperform the SP9, particularly on its front-to-back ratio. However, in checking it out at ground level, I'm less than pleased by its performance (last year I had a 2nd SP9 set-up at ground level for E-skip, so a comparison can be drawn). I may leave it at ground level, for the E-skip season. It would be a major job to swap it with the SP9 on the roof because of the much greater weight of the CADCO antenna (as it is made for CATV use, it is built like a tank with solid screw in elements not to mention the a heavy twin boom to support them). 73, Joe

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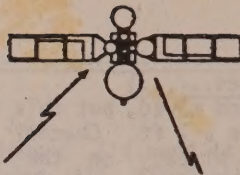
FROM SCOTT HOOD -

FRANKLIN (MASS.) FM "DRY"

92.1 WMDK NH	95.3 WHRB MA	98.3 WILI CT	101.5 WLKW RI	104.5 WXLO MA
92.3 WPRO RI	95.5 WBRU RI	98.5 WROR MA	101.7 WFNX MA	105.1 WWLI RI
92.5 WLYT MA	95.7 WZID NH	99.1 WPLM MA	101.9 WCIB MA	105.5 WQGN CT
92.9 WBOS MA	95.9 WATD MA	99.3 WHMP MA	102.1 WAQY MA	105.7 WVBF MA
93.1 WHFM MA	96.1 WSRS MA	99.5 WSSH MA	102.5 WCRB MA	106.1 WCOD MA
93.3 WSNE MA	96.5 WTIC CT	99.9 WQRC MA	102.9 WDRC CT	106.3 WNEF RI
93.7 WCGY MA	96.9 WJIB MA	100.1 WQVR MA	103.3 WHTT MA	106.7 WMJX MA
94.1 WHJY RI	97.3 WJFD MA	100.5 WRCH CT	*103.7 WKNE NH	107.1 WOTB RI
94.5 WZOU MA	97.7 WINQ MA	100.7 WZLX MA	103.7 WWRX RI	107.3 WAAF MA
94.7 WMAS MA	97.7 WCAV MA	100.9 WTYD CT	104.1 WBCN MA	107.9 WXKS MA
94.9 WJFK MA	98.1 WMYS MA	101.1 WGIR NH		

* when WWRX is off.

SATELLITE NEWS



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Again - not too much new to report this month, mostly a few odds and ends. I would really hope that some of the bird watchers out there would let this observer know of any new services that they may come upon - especially in the area of audio sub-carriers. Your help is needed and much appreciated and necessary for the continuance of the column. My time for a lot of searching is currently limited.

The much talked about move of many services to Telstar 3 has been dumped. Current talk seems to center around a move to Galaxy 3 which is now home to several Home Shopping Club type channels - such as Sky Merchant and National Shopping. Random - one at a time - scrambling has been noted on the Denver menu on Satcom 1. X H T V was noted briefly (one day) on Morelos 1. This is channel 4 in Mexico City. Nostalgia Channel will Scramble using Video-Cypher II system shortly. Noted on Intelsat VA F11 at 27.4W are the following services, possibly using the West Hemisphere Beam -

- 10 - Venezolana de Television - Ch. 5 - Caracas, Venezuela
- 14 - NBC New - London, England
- 16 - ABC? - London, England
- 22 - unknown using PAL system of transmission

What are the most watched services? - Broadcasting Magazine recently ran a list based on the number of cable subscribers. I will list the pay services first and I am sure that this is not a good indicator of dish viewers owing to the Scrambling controversy. Lists are in order from most to least watched.

Pay Services:

H B O
Showtime
Cinemax
The Movie Channel
Disney Channel
American Movie Classics
Playboy Channel
Bravo

Pay-Per-View

Viewer's Choice
Request TV
Jerrold's Cable Video Store

Basic Cable Services:

E S P N
W T B S - now encoded using Video-Cypher system
C N N
U S A Network
C B N
M T V
Nashville
Nickelodeon
Lifetime
C-Span I
Nick at Night
Financial News Network
Weather Channel
Arts and Entertainment
W G N
C N N Headline News

Score
P T L
V H - 1
Black Entertainment
Tempo T V
TelShop
Home Shopping I
Discovery Network
W O R
C-Span II
Silent Network
Learning Channel
Video Shopping Mall
Trinity
Country Music T V
Eternal World

That's all for now - see you in 30. Please send sub-carrier reports, I can't do this without your help. '73's

Shore

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MINNESOTA WTFDA CONVENTION IS LESS THAN 3 MONTHS AWAY!!! IT'S COMING SOON...THE 1987 WTFDA CONVENTION, HOSTED BY FCC FM NEWS EDITOR DR. BRUCE ELVING. FOR THOSE NEW TO THIS HOBBY OR NEW TO WTFDA, BRUCE IS A LEADING AUTHORITY ON FM BROADCASTING, AS WELL AS PUBLISHER OF FMEDIA, AN EXCELLENT BROADCASTING INDUSTRY NEWSLETTER. HE IS ALSO THE PUBLISHER OF THE FAMOUS FM ATLAS (A REFERENCE NO SERIOUS FM DXER CAN BE WITHOUT) AND WAS AMONG THE FIRST TO TUNE THE BAND FOR DX, BACK IN THE DAYS WHEN DX CLUBS OFTEN REFUSED TO EVEN COVER FM DX! AN ANARC AWARD WINNER, BRUCE HAS BEEN ONE OF THE VHF/UHF DXING WORLD'S MOST VALUABLE ASSETS, SO THIS YEAR'S CONVENTION WILL BE ONE YOU SHOULD ATTEND! UPCOMING ISSUES WILL FEATURE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS SUMMER'S WTFDA GETTOGETHER. WE'RE HOPING TO MEET YOU IN MINNESOTA--START MAKING YOUR PLANS TO BE THERE!!!

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WHOOOPS! APOLOGIES TO RICH WERTMAN. LAST MONTH'S ANTENNA NEWS, ON PAGES 8 AND 9, INCORRECTLY LISTED HIS TELEPHONE. HIS CORRECT NUMBER IS (716) 434-3988, AS ON PAGE 10 OF THAT ISSUE.

--BILL THOMPSON

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FOR SALE - Satellite TVRO system with MA/COM decoder (will be deactivated); dish not included, \$795. Write Glenn Jacobs, RD 1 - Box 1508, Moscow PA 18444

FOR SALE - Old magazines: Forecast F.M., Billboard, Playboy, Penthouse, plus various X-rateds. Sports Car Illustrated (Car and Driver), Motor Trend, Motor Life, DC and MD teams' sports programs, esp. U of MD and ABA, Sports preseason mags., left and right wing underground newspapers, a few LIFE, LOOK, and Newsweeks. Write for specifics. Gus Mancuso, 5615 Inwood St., Cheverly MD 20785

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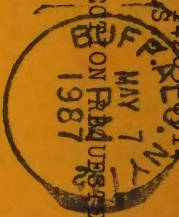
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